

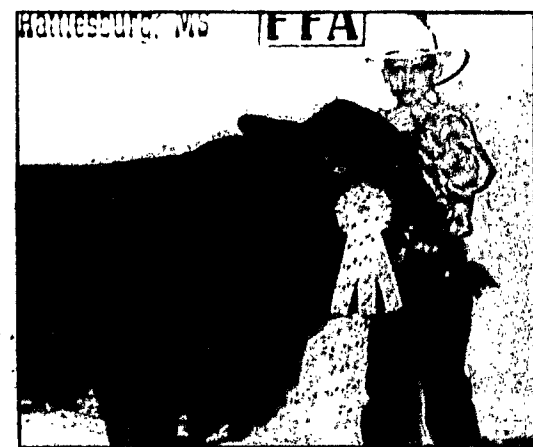
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Making renovations at God's house

Local artist helps fellow
parishioners spruce up
Lutheran Church of the Pines.

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4-H kids 'steak' a claim

Hancock County's 4-H Club
participants cleaned up in beef
contest (with awards, that is.)

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Little league coaches to meet

A Waveland Little League coaches meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., Monday March 5, at the Waveland Park. There will also be an umpires' clinic on Saturday March 17 and Sunday March 18 at the park beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information, call Tammy at 463-0092.

HC little league girls meeting

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will conduct its March board meeting tomorrow, Monday, at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power building in Bay St. Louis. Player applications are being accepted, as well as applications for volunteer manager, coach and umpire. Call Herb at 467-1291 or Frank at 467-4220.

Pass Blessing of the Fleet meet

There will be an organizational meeting for the Pass Christian Blessing of the Fleet at 6 p.m. this Wednesday at the harbor master's office for the April 29 event.

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CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON



Dark clouds hover over the bay Saturday as Hamilton, Ontario-resident Gill Samure, touring downtown Bay St. Louis with a group of fellow Canadians, checks out the city office election signs posted at Main Street and Beach Blvd.

Favre, Black square off in mayor's race

Thriffiley, Taylor run unopposed;
Lampley faces stiff competition

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A hard race may be on the horizon in Bay St. Louis as current Mayor Eddie Favre and sitting Councilman Tad Black square off for the city's top spot.

The upcoming Democratic primaries promise to be a little heated, with no opposition for either of the only two Republicans to file for any city office.

Black and Favre - both Democrats - were the only candidates to file for the mayor's

office in the May primary by Friday's 5 p.m. deadline.

The two have had an often-contentious relationship, at least in public meetings over the past few years, and have already begun steady campaigns, posting election signs all over town.

As for the council member posts, Ward 1 Councilman Doug Seal filed for re-election as an Independent. He will face Republican Susan Kidd Blaché in the June 5 general election.

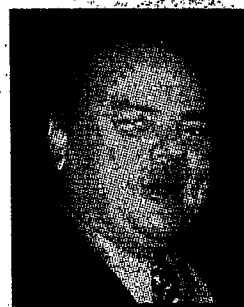
Democratic Councilman

James C. "Jim" Thriffiley III will run unopposed for his Ward 2 seat, as will Democrat William E. "Bill" Taylor for his councilman-at-large post.

Ward 3 Councilwoman Connie Payne Lampley may face the hardest challenge, squaring off against three other Democrats vying for her position, including Willie C. Acker, Thomas "Tom" Farve, and Georgia Flood Goff. Lampley defeated then-Councilman Tom Farve for the Ward 3 seat four years ago.

The winner of that primary will face Independent candidate Galen Edward Mitchell Smith Sr. on June 5.

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Favre



Black

Estess to head up NASA at Houston

Craig appointed to
Stennis director's post

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin appointed Mississippi native Roy Estess, director of NASA's Stennis Space Center, acting director of Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas.

JSC Director George Abbey has been appointed to a position at NASA Headquarters to serve as Administrator Goldin's Senior Assistant for International Issues.



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Alderman, son jailed after Pass parade incident

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Long Beach Alderman-at-large Louis Elias Jr., and his son, Long Beach K-9 officer Louis N. Elias face arraignment March 19 on charges stemming from a scuffle at last Sunday's St. Paul Carnival Association Mardi Gras parade in Pass Christian.

Pass Police Chief John Dubuisson said Elias, 57, and his 27-year-old son turned themselves in Wednesday and were released without having to post bond.

Edward Scarborough and Gary Mander filed affidavits Tuesday with the Pass Christian Clerk of Court. Both charged the senior Elias with two counts each of simple assault causing bodily injury and simple assault by threat.

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Emerson draws only opponent in Pass races

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

It won't be much of a primary election in Pass Christian this year.

As Friday's deadline for qualifying neared, City Clerk Vikki Goff said only Ward 1 Alderman, Jeff Emerson drew a challenger. He is seeking a fourth consecu-

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Log mansion owners opt to reject all auction bids

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

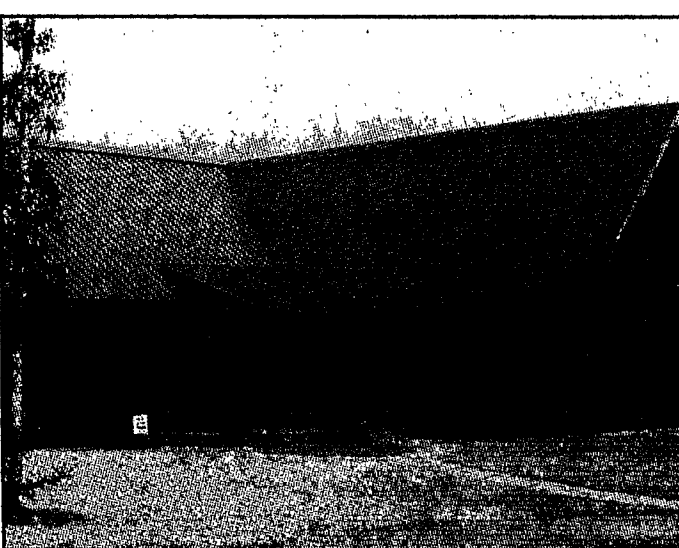
A bid of \$935,000 was not enough to sway owners Raymond and Tamara Jo Necaise to sell their Canadian log mansion outside of Pass Christian.

J.P. King Auction Co., of Gadsden, Ala., conducted a public auction of the home, which sits on a 35-acre estate that includes a 10-acre lake, on

Feb. 24.

Craig King, president of J.P. King, said a group of anonymous bidders put up \$850,000 but the final price, which included a 10 percent buyer's premium, wasn't accepted by the Necaises, who had the option to reject all bids. A total of four bids were received on the property, King said.

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Tamara Jo and Raymond Necaise decided last week to reject all bids on their Pass Christian log mansion.

Planning panel nixes boat storage facility

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Planning and Zoning Commission has turned thumbs down on developers' plans to build a giant stacked marina off Blue Meadow Road.

Chairman Wayne Ducomb was absent from the commission's monthly meeting Thursday, but the four other commissioners went from sympathetic to decisive after wrangling over the issue for more than an hour.

Drew and Sherry Fillingame first revealed their plans to build a state-of-the-art dry-stack storage marina that could hold up to 330 boats in a public hearing last January.

Neighbors who live in upscale homes in the vicinity came in droves at that public hearing to oppose the facility in an area that has a strict "R-1, single family zoning."

They said the business would devalue their homes, increase traffic on the Jourdan River and on Blue Meadow Road and encourage more commercial

development in what is primarily a residential area. Some threatened to file suit if the commission granted a "Special Exception" needed to build the marina. Some nearby residents, however, said they did not oppose the development if it included residential homes.

After the public hearing, commissioners asked the Fillingames to come back with a more detailed plan, and to address concerns voiced by citizens.

At Thursday's meeting, there were no opponents in the hearing room when Drew Fillingame came before commissioners.

Fillingame again told commissioners his plans were first to build the marina, then to subdivide the 20 acres and sell 29 lots for residential development. The subdivision plans would require another approval by the commission, but Fillingame said he needed to get the special exception because without it, he could not get DMR approval to dredge a canal or approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fill in some wet-

lands. He argued, "The storage facility is not contrary or disruptive in nature to the character of the community that the opponents live in, but rather an extension of and enhancement to their community..."

Fillingame noted a commercial boat yard and marina is located only a few hundred yards from the proposed location at the end of Blue Meadow Road, "and there has been no proliferation of commercial development as a result."

He said most of the traffic on Blue Meadow stops at Bay High School or Casino Magic Road, and his storage facility, "at full occupancy of 330 boats would mean an additional 33 to 50 cars per day or an additional three to four cars an hour."

Some opponents voiced concerns over noise created by more boats entering and returning to the marina and to the noise that might be created by a forklift, which would be used to stack the boats in their berths.

Fillingame said the marina would have set operating hours

from 7 or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., depending on the season and all launching and berthing activities would occur during that time. He said any increase in boat traffic brought on by the development would not add to shore erosion because a No Wake Zone would be enforced in the canal.

Others raised concerns about fire breaking out in the facility, but Fillingame said the proposed site would be served by two large artesian wells that would serve as a fire water source, and the entire storage facility would be sprinkled.

Fillingame said the facility would be built on the highest portion of the property and would be built to withstand winds of 110 miles-per-hour.

Commissioner C.A. Russ opened up the debate, saying, "I'll get straight to the point. I think it's a great project, but people are complaining about this big building." He said he would like Fillingame to develop the subdivision first.

The facility would be almost five stories tall and contain

50,000-square-feet.

Commission Vice-chairman Chris Packer Ladner conducted the meeting in Ducomb's absence, and noted the "R-1" zoning was the most restrictive in the county's zoning ordinance. "I think it's (the building) is too big for that area," he said.

Fillingame said it would be economically unfeasible to scale down the size of the building, but the facade would be attractive and the area would be landscaped to complement the site.

Commission attorney John Scafide noted "not one area (in the proposed development) was zoned commercial when the county adopted the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance."

"I can assure you this matter will be appealed to circuit court," said Scafide.

He said another problem with granting the special exception is that it would only allow for a building 35 feet high. A height variance would require another public hearing, Scafide said, and "that presents a serious, legal obstacle for you to

overcome. It's hard to overcome a second public hearing."

Scafide warned Fillingame the proposal could be tied up in the courts a year or longer.

Ladner said, "The bottom line is do you want to put a commercial structure in a residential neighborhood."

At first, Ladner made a motion to table the issue until March 15 and give Fillingame time to scale back the building or propose developing the subdivision first.

However, Fillingame said his option on one of the parcels of property would expire before March 15.

Ladner then made the motion to turn down the request for a special exception, and he was supported unanimously by commissioners Alan Dedeaux, Mike Favre and Russ.

Under the zoning rules, Fillingame has 10 days to file an appeal, and ask for a public hearing before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Fillingame could not be reached to determine whether he planned to appeal.

40-year-old Lutheran church gets a make-over, with artist's help

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For the past year or more, The Lutheran Church of the Pines has been undergoing a makeover, the first since it was built in 1961.

Church members will take the time today to rededicate the church and themselves, they say, to the Christ mission and to thank God and all who helped get the work done. Six works of art by longtime church member and sculptor Hamilton Guenard will adorn the sanctuary as well as the new reception area.

The congregation started out in 1955, and was originally named St. Matthew's. At that time, there was no permanent

meeting place and Guenard said the group used to meet at a beauty parlor owned by Millie Church. Construction at the current Hwy. 90 location began in 1961 and the sanctuary was dedicated in 1962, with an office area and breezeway added later. At that time, the property was filled with large pine trees, thus the name, Church of the Pines. Hurricane Camille destroyed most of the original pines and many of those remaining had to be cut, but the church hopes to retain at least two of the namesake trees.

The church has had its ups and downs, said Guenard. In the 1970s, attendance fell to less than 20 a week on a regular basis, but now services each Sunday have a 100-plus atten-

dance and bible study classes attract about 50 people a week, Guenard said.

Church President Fred Breland attributes the increase in attendance to the inspirational sermons of interim Pastor John Ellermann, who is officially retired, but who has honored us by stepping in in our time of need," said Breland. "We can't express how thankful we are. ... He appeals to people, his message is simple and dynamic and people can relate to his sermons," said Guenard.

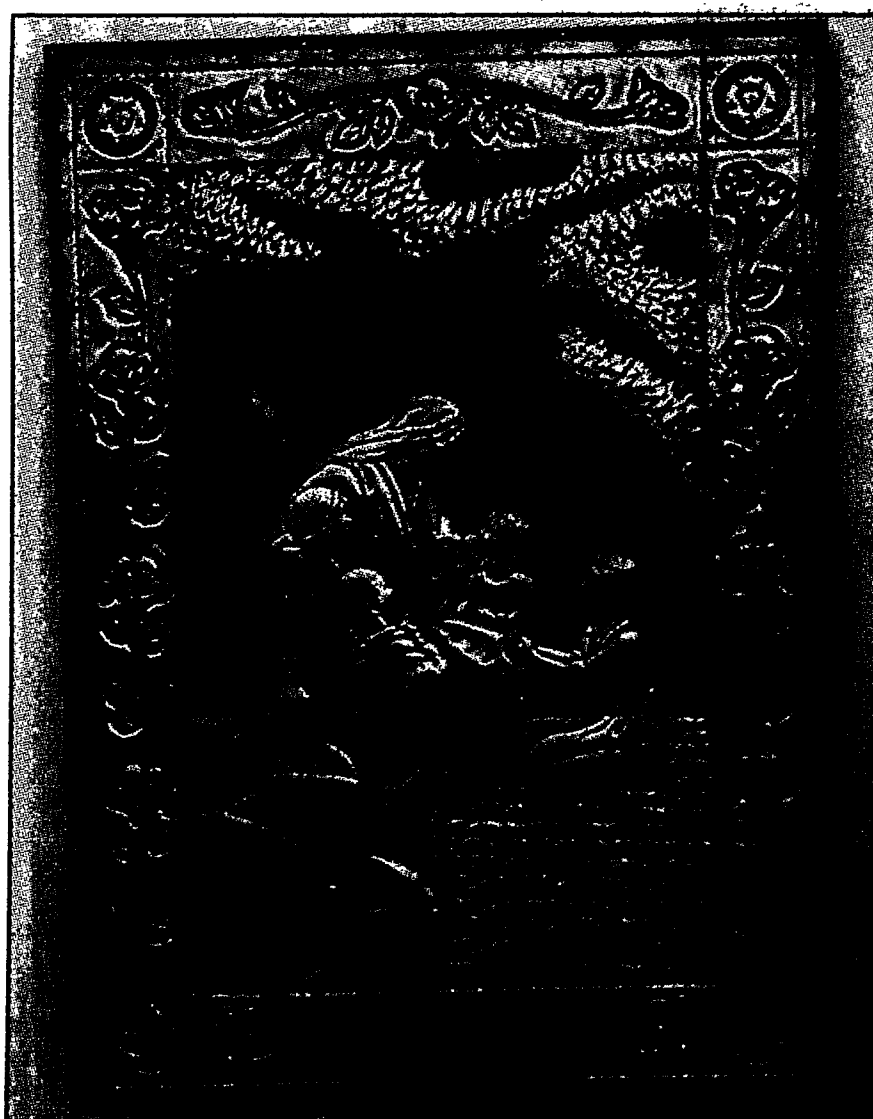
On Sunday, visiting Pastor Orville Mueller, Southern District President will deliver the sermon and assist in the communion. There will also be a special dedication of a new wheelchair ramp dedicated to a former pastor's wife, Joanne Knight.

On Friday, Guenard was still working hard to polish the five beautiful copper repousses to be displayed behind the pulpit in the sanctuary. The repousses are pictures formed from one piece of metal with raised and lowered surfaces that catch the light and shadows. Three of the pictures are dedicated to Guenard's deceased son, Hamilton Jr., and portray the Ark of the Covenant, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments and the passage from Luke where Jesus forgives a sinful woman when she bathes his feet and she dries them with her hair. The other two pictures are commissioned pieces by other church members portraying a guardian angel and Jesus with little children. In the new reception area, Guenard's sixth work is actually carved into an original support beam of the church that was left exposed after the renovation. It portrays the three gates to heaven: A sea shell with three drops of water for the baptism, an open bible for the word, and a chalice with a wafer above it for the sacrament.

The Open House begins at 12 p.m. at the church at 309 Hwy 90. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.



Long time church member and artist Hamilton Guenard with two of the pieces he created for the display in the sanctuary at Church of the Pines.



"Jesus Blessing The Little Children," one of the many artworks adorning the newly-refurbished Lutheran Church of the Pines in Waveland.

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Bay woman homeless after fire

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Bay St. Louis woman is homeless but happy to be alive following an apparent electrical fire last week that destroyed her house at 10102 McLaurin St.

Karen Schustz was awakened in the early morning hours Tuesday by her guest, Missy Chambers, also of Bay St. Louis, frantically urging her to get up because flames were shooting up from the clothes dryer in the laundry room.

"Her friend was there - thank God - or she wouldn't be here today ...," Schustz's daughter Lisa Gros, of Kiln, said last week. "It was just a freak coincidence that (Missy) happened to get up."

Members from the West Hancock Fire Department arrived on the scene quickly to extinguish the blaze, but a spokesman for the department said that by the time firefighters were notified, much of the home was already ruined.

Schustz was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation she apparently suffered while trying to fight the blaze, and was examined and released at Hancock Medical Center.

Schustz is now staying with her daughter's family at Kiln, but lost everything in the blaze but the nightgown she was wearing.

Anyone wishing to donate shoes, clothing, furniture or supplies can contact Gros at 586-2364, or drop items by 17014 Cuevas Rd., Kiln.

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Elias's son is charge with one count of simple assault causing bodily injury, Dubuison said. The charges are misdemeanors, he said.

Dubuison said the Police department played no part in the investigation since the charges were filed privately after the weekend parade.

The senior Elias is a vice president of development and professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast. He had until this past Friday to qualify to run for reelection to his Long Beach seat.

Long Beach Police Chief Tom Bishop said his department is conducting an internal investigation, and the young Elias is on leaving pending the outcome.

READ ACROSS AMERICA!



Volunteer Thelma Gells of Waveland, reads to Myra Cuevas' first grade class at Waveland Elementary School on Friday in celebration of "Read Across America Day." The day commemorates the birthday of Theodore Gelsel, known more commonly as Dr. Seuss. Gells will read stories to several classes throughout the day. The event stresses the importance of taking time out to focus on the importance of reading and taking the time to read with a child to encourage successful reading skills.

Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalibetter

Emerson -- Pass

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tive term, and will be opposed in the May 1 primary by Howard A. McKissack. Both are Republicans, and their names will be the only ones on the May 1 ballot, Goff said.

Mayor Billy McDonald and three incumbent aldermen all qualified to seek re-election by Friday's 5 p.m. deadline and all are unopposed.

And, there is only one Republican candidate for the Ward 2 alderman seat being vacated by Margaret Jean Kalif, who had served three consecutive four-year terms.

McDonald, a Democrat, was elected mayor in a special election in October of 1995 to serve out the unexpired term of

resigned, citing health reasons in. He was elected to a full four-year term in 1996 and is generally credited with turning the city around from the brink of financial failure.

While in office, he attracted millions of dollars in state Tideland funds to improve the Municipal Harbor, and local and state funds to improve drainage and roads in Pass Christian.

Alderman-at-Large Leo "Chipper" McDermott, a Republican, is unopposed and seeking a second term.

Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine, a Democrat, is unopposed and seeking a third consecutive term.

Don Moore, a Republican, is unopposed, seeking his first four-year term. He was first elected last March to fill out the unexpired term of Yvonne "Vonnice" Bodenchatz, who died of cancer.

Democrat Joseph B. Piernas Sr. was the only qualifier for the Ward 2 seat being relinquished by Kalif. Kalif beat him by 13 votes in May of 1997 to win a third consecutive term.

The lack of candidates means the names of the mayor, incumbent Aldermen and Piernas will not be on the ballot until the June 5 general election, Goff said.

Auction

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He said he continues to negotiate with the bidders, but if talks are not successful, his firm would continue to list the property for the next six months, probably without holding another public auction.

The 4,800-square-foot log mansion was actually assembled in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada, then disassembled and shipped to Mississippi for permanent assembly. It is located in a secluded, wooded Cedar Lane area off Vidalia Road outside Pass Christian.

The house has two bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room and kitchen and 26-foot-high cathedral ceilings. An oversized double-car garage is attached to the house by a solarium. Next to the lake is a three-bay boathouse.

King said the Necauses put the cabin on the market because they plan to move into another home, and they thought they would get a better bid because of the property's close proximity to Biloxi, Bay St. Louis and New Orleans.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Construction to begin on Monday 3/5/01 on Webb Street in Bay St. Louis. Construction will continue to Central Avenue and end at Bay Oaks Drive. This area will be closed or one-laned during daylight hours for approximately 3 weeks.

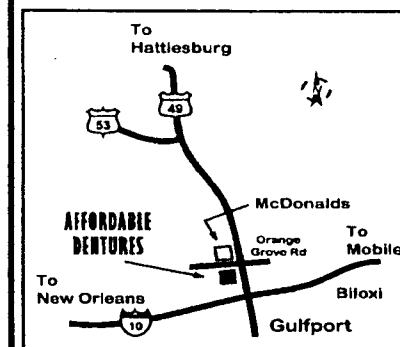
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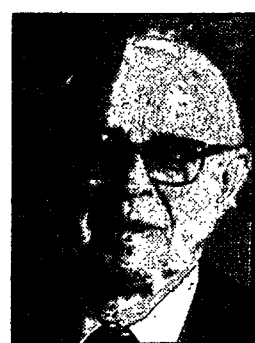
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present *The Three Penny Opera*, *The Last Broadcast*, a play adopted by Ray Kutos from the book by Bertolt Brecht with music by Kurt Weill.

The play will take place the next two Fridays and Saturdays, March 9, 10 and 16, 17 at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue, off Dunbar Avenue in the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis.

Our Bay St. Louis Little Theater has been in existence for many years and has brought some very good entertainment to the area.

I am told this play with Director Ray Kutos, Producer Edith Back, House Manager Juliana Stoltz; props and costumes, Carol Kerr; Dialogue Coach Nan Ehrbright; light and sound, Ray Kutos; set design and construction, Ray Kutos, Dick Ehrbright, Stennis Harrison and Stephen Kutos, along with a long list of cast members, is a tremendous production.

Admission is \$12 adults, children \$9.

The Little Theater also has several other plays on tap for the near future.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater's Playhouse is conveniently located and gives one an opportunity to enjoy a night of fun and enjoyment.

It is time to start thinking about the Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball registration for 13-15-year-olds.

Registration will take place at the Baseball Complex on Athletic Drive next to McCullough Stadium on Monday, March 12, 5-7 p.m.; Monday, March 19, 5-7 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 11, 5-7 p.m.

Babe Ruth Baseball has always been a very popular summer activity for our youth.

For further information, contact Hooty Adam at 467-6476 or Mark Breland at 467-0265.

I am saddened this week by the death of my hair stylist for some 50 years, Al Kingston, Sr.

I can remember when Mr. Al opened his barber shop next to the St. Stanislaus Back School, where I was a student, after his return from World War II.

He was a longtime friend of my father. My father's property was adjacent to his farm in Waveland. He was my barber from the time he opened his shop - with the exception of when I was in the military - until he closed due to health problems.

During the fishing hay days from the old Bay St. Louis Railroad Bridge, he managed to sell thousands and thousands of fishing licenses, lures and equipment from his sports shop, too.

Kingston's association with St. Stanislaus was a lasting one. I am sure he will be sadly missed by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the thousands of students he cut hair for over his barbering career.

It always amazed me how he seemed to be able to work night and day on a regular basis throughout his life.

He made regular visits to cut hair at area nursing homes, the hospital, and even in the homes of his shop patrons when they were ill. I can recall his cutting my hair while I was hospitalized back in 1995.

Al Kingston, owner of Kingston's Barber and Sports Shop, will long be remembered in Bay St. Louis.

Al was a very dear friend to so many.

Over the years I have made many mentions about the 'one-eyed' vehicles, and I keep hearing comments from readers about how it still seems to be a problem.

Would you believe that this past week when I was doing some research in the 1927 issues of *The Echo* I found headlines about a crackdown on 'one-eyed' vehicles on a front page?

So, like many other happenings, many things are repeats from years gone by.

Increasing cultural awareness

On March 1 we opened the doors to the people of Mississippi and the people of the nation and the world as they come to experience this spectacular display of national treasures.

The Majesty of Spain exhibit makes a one-city appearance in North America, which is at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in downtown Jackson.

Never before have so many magnificent objects from Spain appeared in the United States until now. Spain has chosen Mississippi to host this wonderful exhibit, and we know they made the right choice.

Cultural awareness is important for our future. We must educate ourselves and especially our children. We must be able to work, live and function in a global environment. They must have the opportunity to experience other cultures and nations.

The Majesty of Spain exhibit is a high-profile stop in that direction. This exhibit will provide cultural and educational enrichment for all people of Mississippi and the people that the exhibit will attract from outside our borders.

Mississippi is the showcase for this international exhibit to

the world. When visitors walk through the exhibit doors they will be transported to a different world and time, and they will have that experience right here in Mississippi.

When asked why Mississippi was chosen for this prestigious exhibition opportunity, the Duke of San Carlos responded by saying, "We chose Mississippi because it was the right time and the right place to exhibit our national treasures."

Spanish officials are in Jackson helping prepare the exhibition and are excited about the opening of the exhibit.

The exhibit will not only educate us on the history of Spain, it will also provide visitors from other states the opportunity to become educated on Mississippi's history.

Mississippi will also be showcased. This is an excellent opportunity for us, as Mississippians to broaden the context as we show the nation and the world who we really are.

This is our opportunity to be an actual "living exhibit" for the world to experience. Our entire state will serve as a classroom as tourists visit the Majesty of Spain exhibit.



Ronnie Musgrove

Governor of Mississippi

Tourists traveling our highways and interstates will see our beautiful landscapes and visit with Mississippians across the state.

We will let our "true Southern hospitality" show. Mississippians received this nickname years ago, and we received it for a good reason. It is true, we are "the Hospitality State."

The Majesty of Spain exhibit will provide increased communication, understanding and respect among people who visit the exhibit.

They will learn how close Mississippi's and the United States' history relates to Spain's history. Visitors will realize how Mississippi and the United States are truly a woven tapestry of races, cultures and ethnic groups.

We are Mississippians. We are Americans. Most of us have diverse cultural backgrounds,

which are often woven and fused with many other backgrounds and shared experiences. We all share common traits and values.

When we learn to appreciate and respect differences in our culture, then we open our minds to learn more about other cultures and races.

Mississippians are eager to compete with the world and learn more about our international neighbors, but first we must understand and respect them.

This exhibit gives us the chance to cross borders and go beyond the limits of time to experience the beauty and spectacle of Spain during the period of our nation's birth.

It is my hope that every student, every child, every adult, every Mississippian and those people beyond our borders will experience the Majesty of Spain.

Chamber supports change of state flag

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in its Feb. 19 meeting posed unanimous support of the proposed change in the Mississippi state flag.

The chamber board and membership pride themselves in supporting and nurturing the economic climate and strength of the county and state.

Mississippi has emerged as a global player, and the continued economic development success hinges on the ability to enhance global position.

In the chamber's evaluation of the issue, there was a need to transfer and separate the thinking on the flag from an "issue of the heart" to a strategic business decision for the state.

As an organization that is incumbent on providing a skilled and unified workforce, it is our responsibility

to provide an environment that creates a unified direction that leads to positive results.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is 670 members strong and believes strongly in strategically planning for "smart growth."

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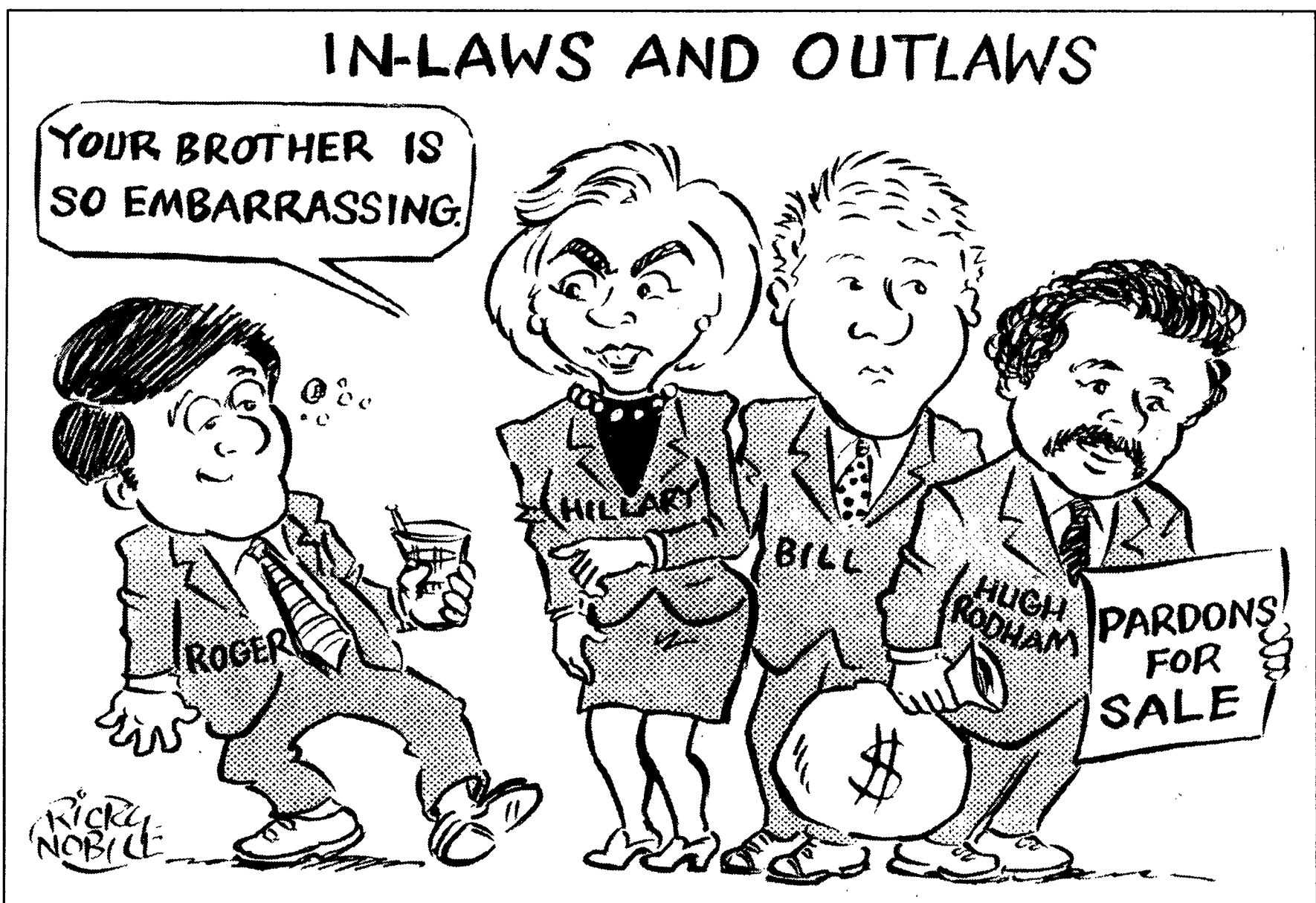
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Letters to the Editor

By State Auditor Phil Bryant 27, 2000)

MUNICIPALITIES

Q May a municipality pay the cost of annual flu shots for its employees?

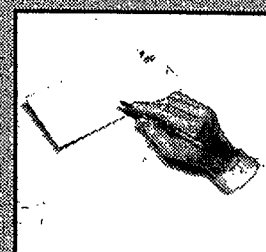
A Yes, the cost of such shots may be paid, provided a determination was made the shots are necessary to serve the public interest. (Attorney General's opinion to Hunt dated October

Q Are bids required for a contract to read water meters for a municipality?

A No, state law does not require municipalities to solicit bids for this type of service. State law only requires bids for commodities, solid waste contracts and construction under Section 31-7-13.

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



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USMGC students focus on RR crossing safety

Riding a freight train from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs last week, Rusty Sholtz and Mark Griffith saw enough carelessness to last them a lifetime.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast nursing students were taking part in a class project in which they coordinated a one-day railroad crossing safety program.

As part of the project, they hooked a ride with a CSX Railroad freight train and counted the number of automobile drivers who raced to beat the train at intersections.

"We saw more than a dozen cases of people not yielding to the train," said Sholtz, a Long Beach policeman who is in his final year of nursing school.

"We even saw one incident when the crossing arms went down at an intersection and a car slalomed through the arms - with the train less than 100 yards down the track moving at 50 miles an hour."

Griffith, a senior who works in the intensive care unit at Gulfport Memorial Hospital, said that, in many cases, the motorists simply weren't paying attention. However, there were other instances when the disregard for the oncoming train was blatant.

"They would hear the train and run through the stops," he said. "They would see the lights and run through the stops."

And that, Griffith said, left him with one possible conclusion. "I don't think people understand the mathematics involved and the risk they are taking," he said. "The train we were on weighs 4,800 tons and was moving at 50 miles per hour. It would take almost a half mile to stop. I just don't think people understand that."

Which is what led Sholtz, Griffith and fellow nursing senior T.D. Huckabee to take up the crossing safety project. As a requirement in their Community Health Nursing theory class, they had to identify an at-risk population - commuters who cross CSX tracks - and assess the depth of the risk. Next, they will design and implement an intervention.

The train ride, which helped assess the risk, illustrated what has become an alarming trend along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Crossing safety has never been very good in Mississippi, which is one of a group of 15 states that account for nearly 80 percent of the

nation's railroad crossing fatalities.

And the new year has been even worse. There is a startling increase in train-automobile collisions.

"So far this year, and we're only six weeks into the year, we've had nine collisions," said Sholtz, who has worked some of the accidents as a patrolman.

"In the last month, I've worked one accident where a car hit the side of a train and I worked one just last week where two men were killed."

Train-automobile collisions, Sholtz said, are among the worst accidents a policeman deals with.

"It's not uncommon to find debris hundreds of yards away from the point of impact," he said. "It's not uncommon to have cars dragged a tenth of a mile or thrown across roadways."

The students, along with Coast public safety officials and CSX employees, began one intervention just hours after the train ride ended.

Armed with stacks of educational material about the importance of railroad crossing safety, they manned a handful of intersections in Long Beach to talk to motorists.

"Education is one of the keys," said Ron Owens, region coordinator for CSX Railroad's public safety campaign. "We're working with engineering and with public safety to educate people, and to enforce the laws that pertain to crossings and railroad tracks."

To Sholtz, the key to intervention would be convincing people there are worse things than waiting for a freight train to go by.

"The longest you have to wait for a train at an intersection (on average) is two-and-a-half to three minutes," he said. "That's two-and-a-half to three minutes versus the rest of eternity in the ground."

Griffith - who said it would also help to get motorists to turn their cell phones off and their CD players down and just pay more attention to the road - isn't sure how much good handing out brochures to motorists will do. But fighting complacency at railroad crossings is like a war in which every battle is precious.

"If this saves one life - one child, one mother, one father, one grandparent, one life - then it's worth it," he said.



Parent of the Year

North Bay Elementary has selected Dawn Boob as the 2000-2001 school year Parent of the Year. Mrs. Boob is currently serving as president of North Bay's PTO.

She has been instrumental in many school improvement projects during her association with North Bay and can be seen on a daily basis on the school campus. Boob is the mother of Luke, a student in Mrs. Deen and Mrs. Bourn's multi-age class. Pictured are Mary Kay Deen, Dawn Boob, Kathy Bourn, Luke Boob.

Millsaps lists dean's scholars

Millsaps College has released the Dean's Scholars list for the Fall 2000 semester.

Students who earn a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.849 are named to the Dean's List.

Local students include Marlana Evans of Bay St. Louis; Roxanne McCullough of Diamondhead; and Rachel Spear of Waveland.

Flores on Vanderbilt Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at Vanderbilt University in Nashville have been honored with publication of the Fall 2000 Dean's List.

Edward Nicholas Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Flores of Pass Christian is a Dean's List scholar of the College of Arts and Science.



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MSU names honor scholars

The following students from the local area are President's Scholars for the 2000 fall semester at Mississippi State University.

Students on the **President's List** achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Included are Craig Carrigee of Kiln, Sarah Alexander of Columbus, David Deblanc of Starkville, John Genin, Melissa Knight, Hazel Payet, Thomas Rutherford and Nathan Scretching, all of Bay St. Louis; Myndi Kuhlmann of Picayune, Jennifer Ladnier and Sara Smolenski, both of Waveland; and Cedric Tasselin of Diamondhead.

Students on the **Dean's List** are those who achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades

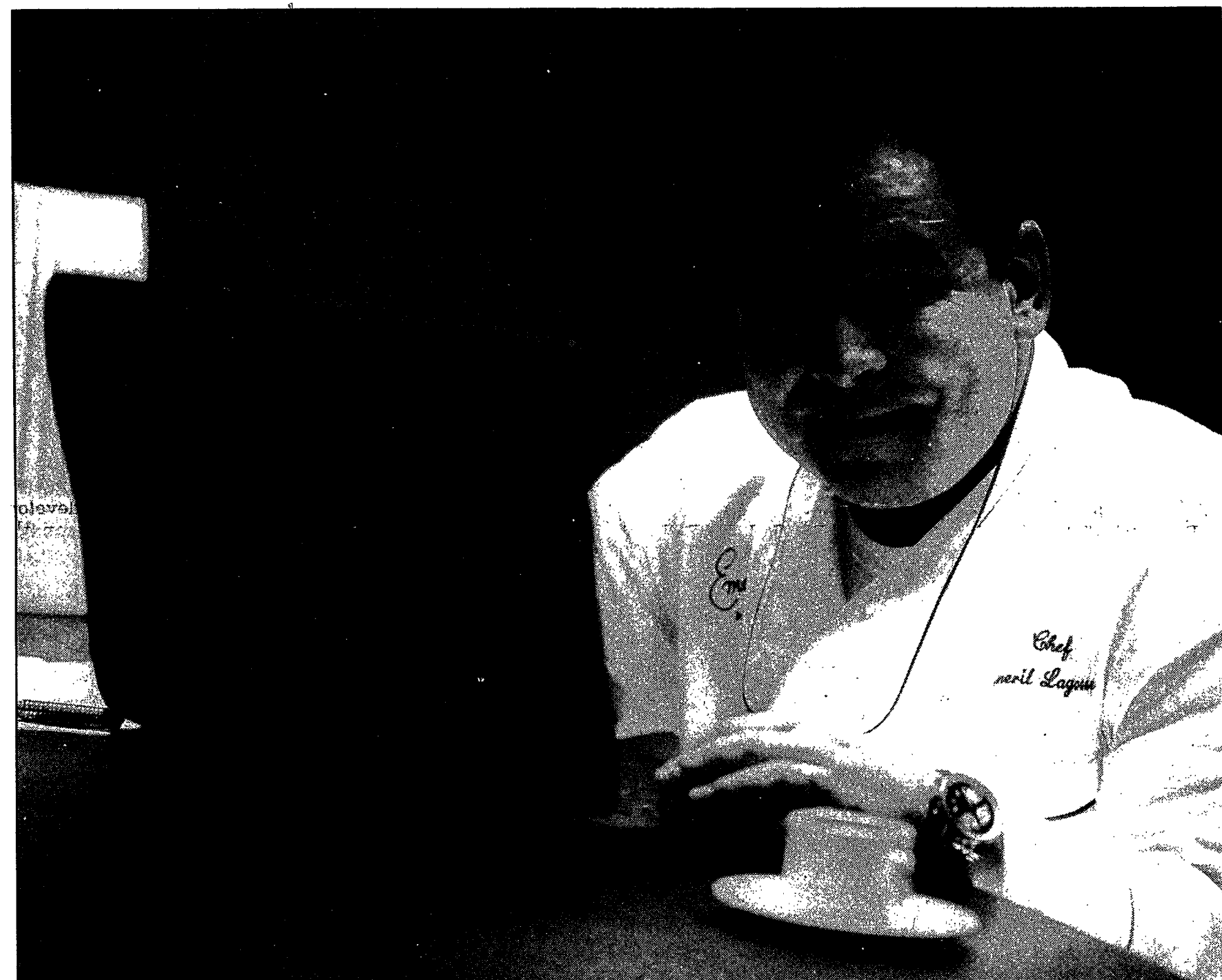
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Included are Lisa Cuevas and Marie Cuevas, both of Pearlinton; Michael Giardino and Heather Kirksey, both of Bay St. Louis; and Kerri James, Tara Smith and Sheryl Tasselin, all of Diamondhead.

Yarborough on dean's list at Tulane

Gary Yarborough of Bay St. Louis has been named to the Tulane College Dean's List. Yarborough is a Bay High School graduate. Tulane College, founded in 1847, is Tulane University's liberal arts division or men and its historic undergraduate college.

The college's students pursuing the bachelor of arts, fine arts, or science, may major in any of more than 45 concentrations, and choose from among hundreds of courses offered by Tulane's distinguished Faculty.

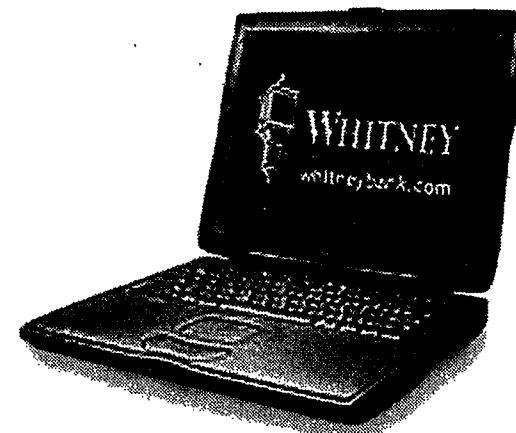


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Cleanup reset for next Saturday

Due to inclement weather yesterday, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's sponsored county-wide cleanup has been rescheduled for its rain date, Saturday, March 11.

Ellis C. Cuevas, chamber beautification chairman said, "It is hoped that we will have a good turn out for the cleanup, as much help is needed. Persons interested in further information on next Saturday's cleanup can call the chamber at 467-9048."

The cleanup is in preparation for the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage which is scheduled for the coast March 8-17.

The Diamondhead Garden Club's pilgrimage is Wednesday, March 14th, and Bay-Waveland Garden Club's is Thursday, March 15.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre auditions

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre announces auditions for "The Harry and Sam Dialogues" on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, 2-6 p.m. at the Garden Center, 114 Leonhard Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The play calls for two men, ages 25-45. The two characters can be any age, but must be the same age. The dates of the play are Fridays and Saturdays, May 11, 12, 18 and 19, and Sunday matinees May 13 and 20. For information and directions, call Marty Fitzgerald, director, 872-2907, or Sandy Reese, producer, 466-2728.

Pass Christian named Tree City USA

Pass Christian has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the 10th year Pass Christian has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees and their many benefits to our communities have never been more important," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "Proper tree planting and care today will help ensure cleaner, healthier, more tree-filled cities and towns tomorrow."

"Tree City USA is a recognized standard of an effective community forestry program," Rosenow continued. "And the basis of such a program is a commitment to ongoing improvement and renewal."

Hancock Women's Club

The Hancock Women's Club conducted its February meeting at Toscano's Restaurant with Lucette Worrel, president, officiating. The business meeting was conducted as usual.

There was election of officers, and installation will take place at the March meeting.

The club welcomed new members Pat Garcia, Donna Hoagkemp, Omega Parker, Mollie Malpie and Nancy Hunt.

Birthday corsages were presented to Alice Seckso and Shirley Tingstrom. Door prize winner was Kay Coleman, and winner of the painting was Pat Garcia. Gift certificate winner was Camella Boyd.

The next meeting will be March 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Rooster's in Kiln.



Bay High Class Officers

Leading the Bay High School Class of 2001 into the new century are, from right, Kathleen Hancock, president; Erin Yarborough, vice president; Christen Hartley, secretary; Aaron Frommeyer, treasurer; Misti Summers, Kimberly Green and Kay Schuengel, Student Council representatives.

Transplant support group meeting in Hattiesburg

If you have had an organ transplant, it you or a family member is in need of an organ transplant, or perhaps you just want to learn more about organ transplantation and donation, the "New Beginnings" Transplant Support Group will meet Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg.

The public is invited to attend. James Laird, Volunteer Services coordinator for the

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency will provide the program.

In addition to transplant recipients and those in need of transplants, the support group welcomes members of the medical community and donor family members.

For information, call James Laird, volunteer coordinator for the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency at 1-800-690-8878 or Doug Benedict at (601) 268-6630 in Hattiesburg.

Bay High/Dupont DeLisle together for job shadowing

Bay High School Principal, Bill Broadway and the plant manager of Dupont DeLisle, Aldo Morell, will exchange leadership roles March 19 and March 20 at 7:30 a.m.

Morell will shadow the principal at Bay High, and Broadway will shadow the plant manager. Both will handle "hands-on tasks" in specific role exchanges. The purpose of this activity is to have real-life experiences to reinforce the academic instruction offered in the classroom and enhance an early investment of Dupont in

their community and future employees.

Dr. Rusty Dempsey, community relations director of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, hopes this will be the beginning of job shadowing for Bay High students and teacher interns with Dupont employees.

Editor's Note: If you are interested in interviews and/or coverage at Bay High School, contact Rusty Dempsey at 467-0444. For coverage at Dupont DeLisle, contact Karen Frederick at 255-2402 (work) or 467-2294 (home).



Back row from left, Crystal Summers, Sandra Summers, Stephanie Gardner, Sarah Gardner, Rhakeea Lyons, Kayla Looman; front, Shawn Riddle, Heath Riddle, Bruce Standfuss, Brad Standfuss, and Brandon Looman.

BWMS sees double - 6 times

After paying a visit to the new Bay-Waveland Middle School you will leave enriched and maybe a little confused.

You will have seen a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility, smiling, energetic students and faculty and quite possibly two of some things, like identical-looking students.

The 6th grade teachers at Bay-Waveland Middle School

most definitely are seeing double this year. There are six sets of twins in the sixth grade class. Four of the sets are identical and two are fraternal.

The teachers have it all under control though and can see the difference between the siblings. So can the students. One sixth grader said, "They are not alike at all. They all act different."

Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball announces tryouts

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will have tryouts on the following dates:

- 7-year-olds, Saturday, March 3 at 1 p.m.
- 8-year-olds, Saturday, March 3 at 3:15 p.m.
- 9-year-olds, Monday, March 5 at 6 p.m.
- 10-year-olds, Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.
- 11-year-olds, Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m.
- 12-year-olds, Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

Late registrations will be accepted on day of try-outs. All try-outs will be at the Bay St. Louis Baseball Complex on Athletic Drive.

For information, contact Hooty Adam at 467-6476.

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NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hancock County Water and Sewer District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed Phase II water project consists of installing approximately 144,000 linear feet of distribution lines to serve an additional 1,000 area residents. Phase II Water is the second phase of a proposed three phase project to supply potable water to the District's service area which is located north of U. S. Highway 90 and along the east and west sides of Highway 603 south of the Jourdan River.

An alternative to the proposed project would be to take "No Action." However to take no action would mean that the homeowners in the area would have to rely on a poor quality of water which could cause health hazards to residents in the area.

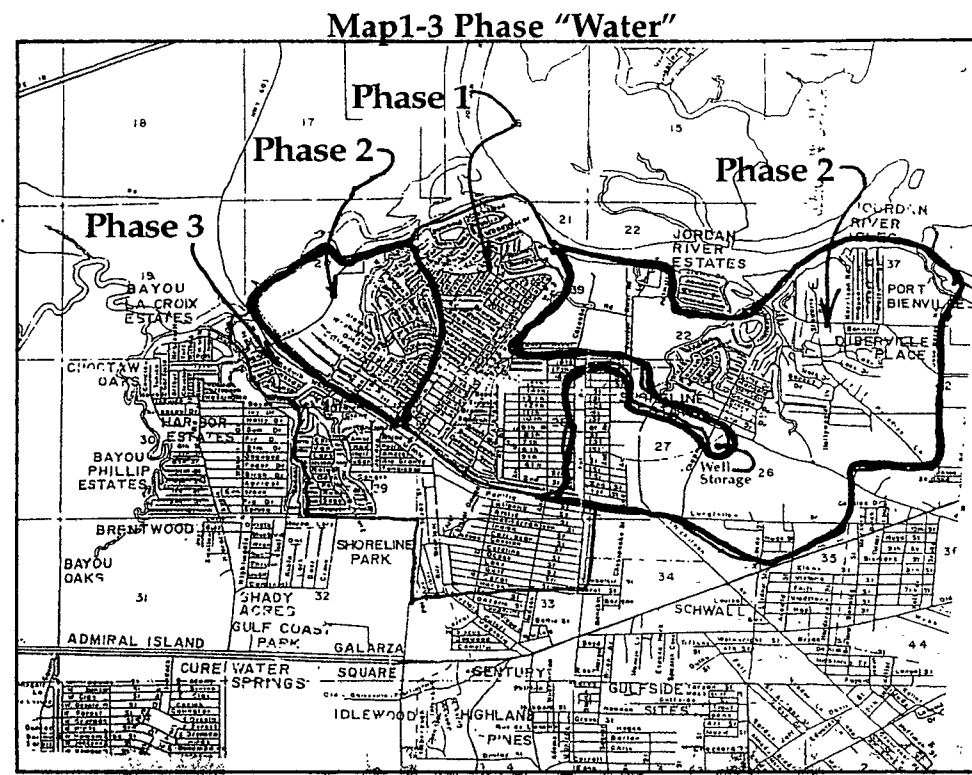
The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Provided a letter dated November 29, 2000 listing eleven federally endangered species which may be found in the proposed project area. Mitigation: Should any of the eleven mentioned endangered species be encountered in the area during construction, all work will cease and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be contacted for guidance.

The Majority of the proposed project area is located within flood plain as indicated by the FEMA Flood Plain Insurance map. However, the water system will be primarily underground and thus will not be affected by the flood plain area. Any above ground facilities will be installed at or above the Minimum flood level as determined by FEMA. The district must adopt an ordinance prohibiting service to new structures, unless such construction was authorized by the proper regulatory agency(s).

The proposed construction area contains a large area of wetlands. Upon recommendation by the Corps of Engineers, a wetland consultant was contacted to perform a wetland survey. Based on his findings no portions of the considered property are subject to Section 404 of the clean Water Act of 1977.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development office located at 132 Mayfair Road, Suite C, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293.

Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by April 3, 2001. A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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SPORTS

Rocks rally past the Tigers 16-6 in division opener

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws rallied from a 6-5 deficit against the Bay High Tigers to invoke the 10-run rule and win their division opener 16-6 at the SSC baseball diamond on Thursday, March 1. The game was a makeup from Monday, February 26, when inclement weather forced the game to be postponed.

Bay High scored runs in the top of the second and sixth inning to take the lead 6-5 before SSC put on the rally caps. Bay High's runs in the second were triggered by a Claude Yarbrough double. Eric Lymuel started things off for the Tigers in the sixth inning with an RBI triple.

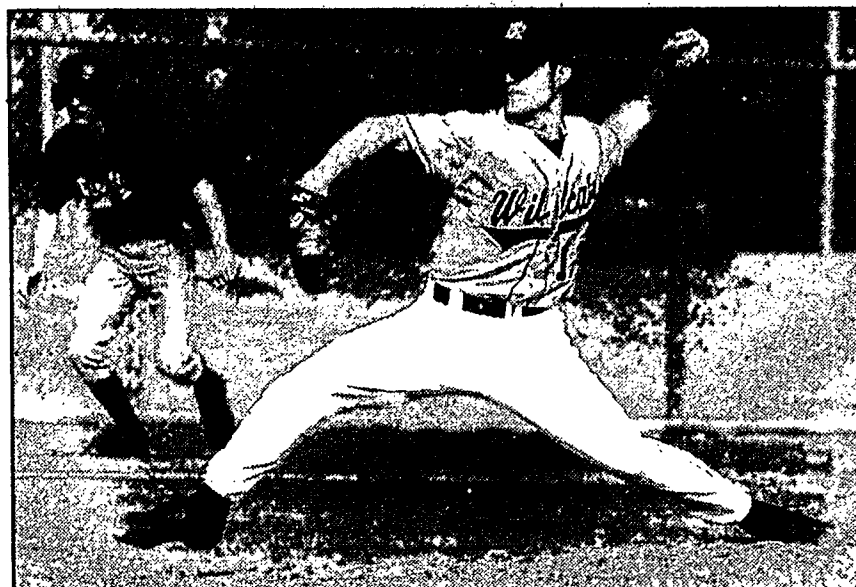
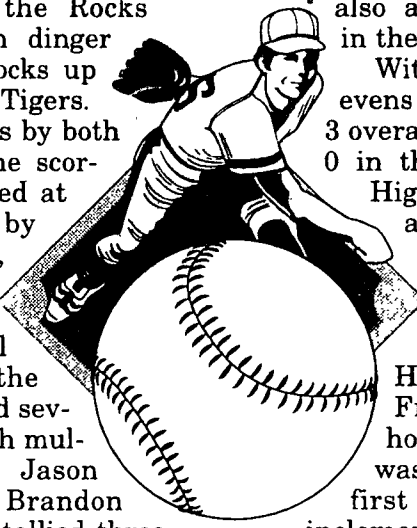
The bats came alive for SSC in the sixth inning. SSC's Neil Favre ended the offensive onslaught for the Rocks with a two-run dinger that put the Rocks up ten runs on the Tigers.

Several errors by both teams led to the scoring. Bay was led at the plate by L y m u e l, Yarbrough, and Skip Ladner who all had hits for the Tigers. SSC had several players with multiple hits. Jason Santiago and Brandon Arcement each tallied three hits in the game. Arcement knocked in three runs for the

Rocks. Neil Favre and Taylor LaFontaine each added two hits for SSC in the win. LaFontaine also added three RBIs in the game.

With the win, SSC evens their record at 3-3 overall and moves to 1-0 in the division. Bay High falls to 2-5 overall and 0-1 in the division.

SSC was scheduled to play the Hancock Hawks in Kiln on Friday, March 2; however, the game was postponed in the first inning due to inclement weather. A make-up date for the division game has not been set.



Wildcats romp over Meridian

Pearl River Community College's Wildcat baseball team improved to 3-6 overall after the recent 15-11 romp over Meridian on the road. Sophomore left-hander Brandon Dupuy (above) of Bay St. Louis boasts a 2-1 mark after nine games. (PRCC photo)

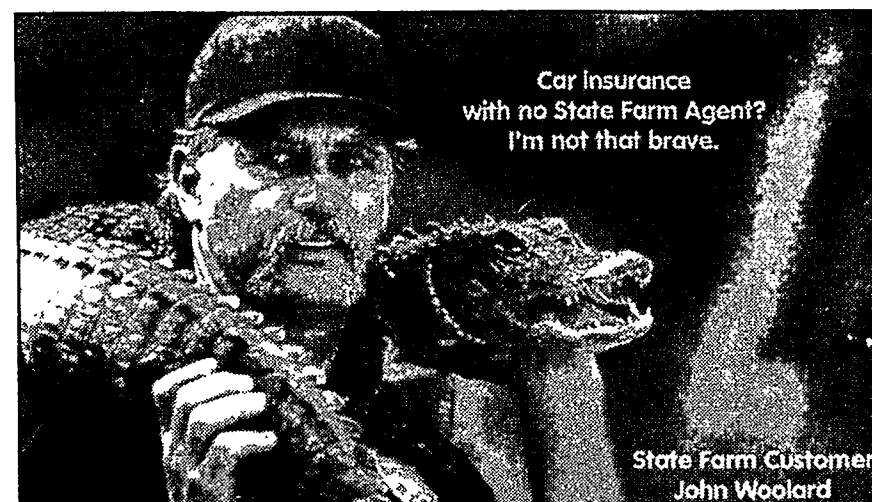
Dixie Girls Softball tryouts

Bay St. Louis Dixie Girls Softball will have tryouts and draft for the 2001 season on Saturday, March 24 at McDonald Field, Dunbar and Ulman, Bay St. Louis.

Registration will be taken for players and coaches or managers every Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. until the 24th.

Tryout times are:
4-8-year-olds, 9-10 a.m.
9-10-year-olds, 10:30 a.m.-noon
11-12-year-olds, 1-2:30 p.m.
13-15-year-olds, 4-5:30 p.m.

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OLA off to fast start in softball

Our Lady Academy has won its first two contests to start the high school softball season.

The Crescents defeated the Bay High School Lady Tigers 12-2 behind the strong pitching of Emily Meyers, 2-0. Katherine Milner went three of four for OLA with two RBIs and three runs scored. Jordan Fisher was three for four, two RBIs and scored twice. Julie Reboul had two hits, two runs batted in and scored once. Rachel Wright was one for one with two RBIs.

In the junior varsity contest, Bay High won 11-0. Lakasia Ducksworth, Libby Smith and Kolbi Cameron had the only

hits for the junior Crescents.

OLA took its opener 13-10 over d'Iberville with Emily Meyers picking up the win. Julie Reboul was a perfect three for three with three RBIs and scored two runs. Meyers went two for four with three RBIs and one run scored. Katherine Milner was two for three with two RBIs and one run scored. Margaret Magers had one hit, two RBIs and scored twice. Anne Dane added one hit, two RBIs and two runs scored.

In the junior varsity game, OLA won 16-5. Lauren Renz earned the win on the mound. Sarah Loicano, Rachel Cuevas,

Lakasia Ducksworth, Hannah Allen and Lauren Renz each scored two runs for the junior Crescents.

OLA will be back in action Monday, March 5 at Resurrection for a 6:30 p.m. contest. A junior varsity game is set for 5 p.m.

DWGAN results

By Clare Chauffe

Congratulations go to Diana Johnson for her hole in one on #6 on the Pine on Feb. 6.

Winners for the following Diamondhead Nines Golf events are:

Feb. 6-Trophy Day

1st Flight: Low Gross Oksang Hall, Low Net Marge Dieball, Low Putts Shirley Schaffer

2nd Flight: Low Gross Kathy Baucum, Low Net Phyllis Dowel, Low Putts Marijane Curia

3rd Flight: Low Gross Pat Powell, Low Net Diana Johnson, Low Putts Virginia Schmitt

Feb. 13: Poker Blind Hole Draw

1st Flight: 1st Oksang Hall, 2nd Marge Dieball, 3rd Clare Chauffe, 4th Jeanette Sullivan

2nd Flight: 1st Wanda Newman, 2nd Marilyn

Dehnpostel, 3rd Marijane Curia, 4th Kathy Baucum

3rd Flight: 1st Audrey Dean, 2nd Pat Heyd, 3rd

Dottie Smith, 4th Jerry Ingraham

Feb. 20: Black Marks

1st Flight: 1st Shirley Schaffer, 2nd Maureen Holt, 3rd Jeanette Sullivan

2nd Flight: 1st Elaine Smith, 2nd Wanda Newman, 3rd Ellen Nutting

3rd Flight: 1st Shirley Smith, 2nd Jerry Ingraham, 3rd Dottie Smith

Birdie: Oksang Hall
Chip-in: Pearl Roberson and Emmy Swink

Feb. 28: Scamble

1st: Donna Hanna and Bettisue Hendrix

2nd: Clare Chauffe and Peggy Satterlee
3rd: Sue Campbell, Sally Lindsley and Shirley Smith
Chip-in: Jerri Guidroz, Bettisue Hendrix and Peggy Satterlee

Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Feb. 20 Blind Partners winners include:

18 Holes First Flight: Joan Anderson and Pat Ellis and Lori Jacobson and Perk Landry

Second Flight: Nancy Witt and Ann Love and Doris Lackie and Elaine Reese

9-Holes: Clair Menard and Mary Ann Brenan and Susie Michaels and Pat McClellan

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Obituaries

JEWELL A. GEDDES
CYNTHIA GIBSON
CORNELIUS LIND
JUDITH ANN YOUNG

JEWELL A. GEDDES
 Jewell A. Coker Geddes, 95, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Geddes was a native of the Oklahoma Indian Territory and a resident of Falls Church, Va. for 60 years. She had been a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 10 years. She was the manager of school cafeterias in Fairfax, Va. and was past president of the School Food Service Association. She was a member of Long Beach Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hodge Geddes.

Survivors include five sons, Wilburt Geddes of Pass Christian, Roland Geddes of Tappahannock, Va., Max Geddes of Winchester, Va., Kenneth Geddes of Pinehurst, N.C., and Phillip Geddes of Decatur, Ala.; a daughter, Carol Newman of Long Beach; a sister, Mary Daly of Port Orchard, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Long Beach Church of Christ.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.



CYNTHIA GIBSON

Cynthia L. Martin Gibson, 43, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Gibson was preceded in death by her father, Julius August Martin Sr.; mother, Lucille Strain Martin; and brother Jerry Farley.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry Prince of Kiln, and George Prince, Ernest J. Phillips and Joshua Martin, all of Pass Christian; a daughter, Lucille Martin, of Pass Christian; two brothers, Percy Charles Adams of Bay St. Louis, and Julius August Martin Jr. of Kiln; two sisters, Jo Ann Voisin of Houma, and Alexia Molero of Mereaux, La.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at Riemann Funeral Home in

Bay St. Louis. Funeral services are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., with burial to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

CORNELIUS LIND

Cornelius Monroe Lind, 77, of Kiln, died Friday, March 2, 2001, at Kiln.

Mr. Lind was a native of Hancock County and a self-employed dog kennel operator. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Hoda Lind; a step-son, Jessie Cuevas Jr., of Picayune; three step-daughters, Essie Stewart of Long Beach, Pat Verdine of Marrero, La., and Karleen Lee of Picayune; a brother, Lawrence Lind, of Kiln; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Sunday, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Cedric Lumpkin officiating. Burial will follow in the Lind Family Cemetery at Kiln.

JUDITH ANN YOUNG

Judith Ann Koolsbergen Young, 56, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Young was a native of Bay St. Louis and spent most of her life in Pass Christian and Long Beach. She was a graduate of Pass Christian High School and was retired payroll clerk for B&EK and for Brown & Root World Services. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach and formerly served as Harrison County Deputy Sheriff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Lema Swilley Koolsbergen.

Survivors include her husband, David K. Young and sons Ronnie Darte and Brian Darte, all of Long Beach; daughter Susan Smith Gipson of Long Beach; sisters Gayle Parker of DeLisle and Carol McLeod of Long Beach; step-daughters Deanna Coyle of Hoboken, N.J. and Julie Pogue of Aurora, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach followed by celebration of a Mass of the Resurrection. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to St. Thomas Catholic Church, 720 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball announces tryouts

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will have tryouts on the following dates:

11-year-olds, Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

12-year-olds, Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

7-year-olds, Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m.

8-year-olds, Sunday, March 11 at 3:15 p.m.

Late registrations will be accepted on day of try-outs. All tryouts will be at the Bay St. Louis Baseball Complex on Athletic Drive.

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Estess -- Moving to Johnson Space Center

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Mark Craig, who has been Deputy Director of Stennis Space Center since 1995, will serve as Acting Director of Stennis Space Center.

"We face a difficult and challenging future within the space program, and Roy Estess, working closely with Joe Rothenberg, associate administrator for Space Flight, will ensure a firm footing during this period," said Goldin.

Estess' 40-year career in critical engineering and management positions distinguished him as a recognized leader. He received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award on two occasions. Rothenberg will have the responsibility, along with Estess, to make recommendations for JSC's new leader.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Estess served

as Deputy Director of Stennis Space Center from 1980 through 1988, becoming center director in 1989. From 1992 to 1993, he was temporarily assigned to NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as a special assistant to two consecutive NASA administrators.

Prior to coming to Stennis, Craig held management positions at JSC and at NASA

Headquarters on a variety of space exploration programs. As staff to the NASA Administrator, he was the principal architect of both the NASA Strategic Plan and the strategy for the human exploration and development of space. He and his wife, Christy, and two daughters live in Picayune.

Port keeping watchful eyes on legislative matters

BY ED LEPOMA
 Staff Writer

Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission is keeping close track of at least three bills inching their way through the current legislative session.

In Memoriam In Loving Memory of SEAN PATRICK FINEGAN MAR. 6, 1987 - AUG. 14, 1999



Our dear Sean, your birthday is here again. What a party you will be having in Heaven! The time passes so quickly and yet it seems like only yesterday when we held you and gave you all of our love. You have brought so much joy to our lives. We miss your dimpled smile and your hearty laughter, but we know you are here with us in spirit. Every thought of every day is on you, "Seanman".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SWEET GUY. WE LOVE AND MISS YOU ALWAYS.

Mom, Dad, Benny, Calix Families, Finegan Families, Starita Family

At the recent monthly meeting of the commission, Jerry Hemphill, the Port's point man with the state legislature, said local Sen. Scott Cuevas helped to champion a bill which has already passed the Senate and is awaiting approval by the House.

It would create a Multimodal Transportation Fund within the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Although no funds have been budgeted as yet, the Senate bill proposes \$5 million to be distributed among state ports, airports, publicly-owned railroads and mass transit.

Port Bienville, which operates its own rail system, would share in 12 percent of the funds eventually allocated. Airports, like Hancock County's Stennis International, would have access to 34 percent of the funds, and Port Bienville, the county's Industrial Park, would share in 38 percent of the funds available.

Hemphill said another piece of legislation being pushed by Cuevas and members of the local delegation, is a bill to allow public-private ventures in order to develop industrial areas.

He said it is becoming increasingly difficult for Port commission or Industrial Development's boards to completely pay the cost for infrastructure improvements necessary to lure new tenants. A private-public partnership is now prohibited under state law, but Hemphill said it may be

repealed.

Hemphill said the local legislation delegation is also going after \$5 million more in state funding in order to begin infrastructure improvements needed for the Port to develop a high-tech park within the Stennis Space Center. The legislature allocated that much last session, but the \$5 million was shifted in order to complete infrastructure improvements needed when Lockheed-Martin announced it was locating its \$29.5 million advanced Propulsion, Thermal and Metrology Center at Stennis last September.

Hemphill also told commissioners another move is under way in the current session to raise from \$40 per session to \$75 per session the amount paid those serving on state Boards and Commissions, but that would require a statewide amendment.

In other business, the commission voted to put out to public bid construction of a new guardhouse at the north entrance of Port Bienville.

Passed a resolution supporting a bill introduced in the current legislative session, to purchase the Kansas City Southern Railway line from Gulfport to Hattiesburg, provided it would become a Class II or Class III railroad and for use by Port Bienville tenants.

Director of Operations Greg Deakle reported volunteers are being trained who will soon man the new Fire Station at Port Bienville. He said delivery of the new fire truck is expected sometime in late April.

Deakle said eight volunteers have come forward from the railroad staff and one from among park tenants, and they are nearing certification. He said the only additional expense before the station opens would

Thank You

On behalf of
 Rev. Samuel M. Burton, Sr.
 and Family, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers, flowers and expressions of love.

May God Bless

Race

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Longtime Winn-Dixie manager Bobby Compretta, Democrat, and Republican Ronald J. LaFontaine are both unchallenged in the May pri-

mary, but will face each other for Black's Ward 4 seat in June.

Any necessary run-off elections from the primary will take place May 15.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Woodburn named vice-chair of state library group

David Woodburn, assistant director of the Hancock County Library System, has been named vice chair chair-elect of the Public Library Section of the Mississippi Library Association (MLA).

The mission of the MLA is to provide professional leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services. It also promotes the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

The Public Library Section of MLA speaks for the interests of public libraries within the association and works for the establishment of effective public library service in Mississippi.

Woodburn holds a bachelor of arts in history from Colorado State University, and a master of library and information science from the University of Denver.

He also received a certificate in archival studies from the Institute of Archival Administration from the University of Denver.

He served as a continuing education educator, completing the Equal Employment and Affirmative Action programs

from the American Management Association. He was graduated from the Leadership Program of the Mississippi Economic Council and received certification as a certified analyst from the University of Denver Institute of Community Analysis.

Prior to coming to the Hancock County Library System in 1997, Woodburn served as executive director of the Mississippi Library Commission and as Library Department director for the Jefferson Parish Library Department in Louisiana. He was also head administrator for the State Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

His memberships include the Mississippi Library Association, the American Library Association, the Associated Catholic Charities, and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.



Woodburn



Rep. Dirk Dedeaux, right, of Gulfport learned about current work force issues while visiting the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) display at the Capitol Rotunda. Jamie Graham, left, of MESC explained to Dedeaux that preliminary estimates show that Hancock County recorded an average unemployment rate for 2000 of 3.8 percent.

Labor rules workshop at USM

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Department of Labor Rules & Regulations" on Tuesday, March 20, 2-4 p.m. at the USM Gulf Coast campus, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach.

The workshop will cover information on vacation pay, holiday pay, minimum wage, overtime pay, child labor, hourly vs. salary rates, and more. The

instructor will be Jack Cavanaugh with the U.S. Department of Labor.

The fee is \$10 in advance. To prepay, mail check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

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Railroad crossing upgrade will impact Hwy. 49 traffic

Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials announced that a project to reconstruct the Kansas City Southern (KCS) railroad crossing on Hwy. 49 (near Creosote Road) in Gulfport was scheduled to begin March 5.

According to Southern District Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown, the project will provide for the replacement of the existing crossing and is expected to last approximately four weeks, weather permitting.

Traffic on Hwy. 49, both north and southbound, will be restricted to two lanes in each direction rather than the three lanes currently in use.

Also, traffic traveling Creosote Road will not be able to turn left onto Hwy. 49. Likewise, motorists traveling on Hwy. 49 will not be able to turn left onto Creosote Road.

At various times throughout the project traffic on Hwy. 49 will be stopped for 15-minute intervals to allow completion of various tasks. These short stops will be done during non-peak hours.

Efforts made by MDOT and other local agencies to keep motorists informed and to keep traffic moving as efficiently as possible include the following:

- Traffic advisory signs will be placed in the area to direct

motorists safely around the work;

- Several electronic changeable message boards will be in place in strategic locations to provide up-to-the-minute information to motorists concerning the job. These message boards will help motorists decide to reroute or go through the project;

- MDOT signal personnel will monitor and make needed changes or adjustments to MDOT's traffic signals to limit unnecessary traffic backups. If necessary, MDOT will notify representatives of local traffic control agencies to make them aware of the possibility of needed adjustments to their traffic signals in order to allow traffic to flow as efficiently as possible;

- MDOT area employees will continually monitor traffic to make any needed adjustments to the detour or work zone lane closures; and

- An MDOT Rails Division representative and law enforcement officials will be on the site at various times to monitor progress.

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Whitney, Gauthier honored

ERA Franchise Systems, Inc., one of the largest residential real estate networks in the world, recently honored local sales associates Charlotte Whitney and Stephanie Gauthier of Bayshore Realty in Waveland at the annual statewide awards banquet.

Whitney was recognized as the Top Listing Associate, Top

Sales Associate with number of units, and Multi-Million Dollar Associate with over \$7 million in sales.

Gauthier received the Rising Star Award and an Outstanding Performance in Lead Production Award from ERA Mortgage.



Whitney



Gauthier

Quickbooks workshop at USM SBDC

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a two-part computer workshop, "Advanced Quickbooks For Small Business" on March 7 and March 14 from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach.

This eight-hour "hands-on" computer workshop is for anyone who has already attended the Beginners' Quickbooks class or who is familiar with the Quickbooks software.

The fee for this workshop is \$225 and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To prepay, mail check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

WINDOWS MILLENNIUM WORKSHOP

The Small Business Development Center is also offering a computer workshop, "Windows Millennium for Small Business" Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach.

The "hands-on" computer workshop is for beginners interested in learning the basics of windows software.

The fee for this workshop is \$100 per person and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To prepay, mail check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

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Shrimping waters open north of IC Waterway and west of Gulfport

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway (excluding the half-mile closure area) and west of the Gulfport ship channel (including the Gulfport ship channel) in Mississippi territorial waters to shrimping since March 5.

This area will close April 23 at 12:01 a.m. If biological sam-

pling indicates a movement of large numbers of juvenile brown shrimp into this area, the area will be closed immediately.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the DMR are to be in full force and effect, and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from Mississippi waters must be legally licensed. DMR will be enforcing all regulations.

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Conceal & reveal for enticing gardens



SOUTHERN GARDENING

By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
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"Conceal and reveal" was the phrase Dr. Neil Odenwald shared with those attending the Gulf States Horticultural Expo in Mobile at the end of January.

Odenwald is the author of several books, including the "Identification, Selection and Use of Southern Plants for Landscape Design" and the new "Bountiful Flower Garden" co-authored with William Welch.

Those in attendance were landscape architects, designers and nurserymen from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. Odenwald challenged them to make the landscape a "garden of participation."

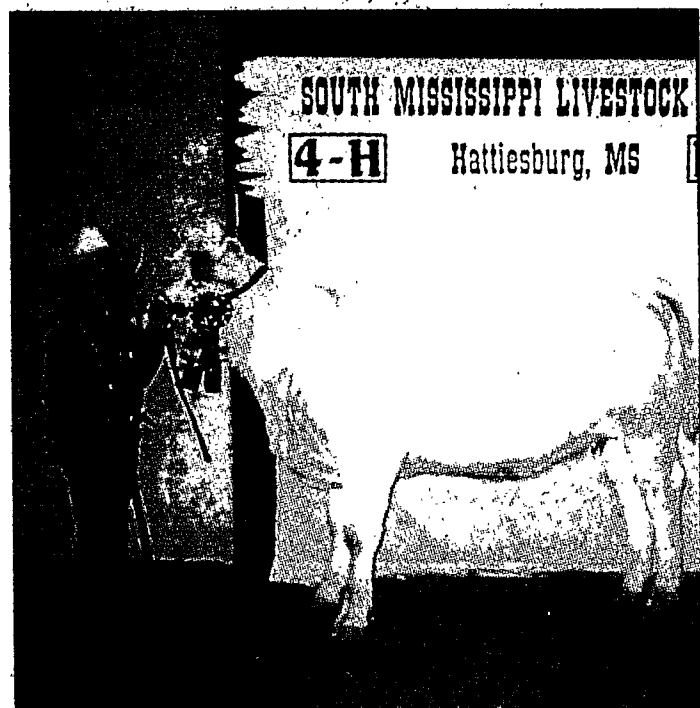
The ideas of conceal and reveal and a garden of participation go hand in hand for a good landscape design. You can't see the whole garden from any one point, so visitors walking out the back door see only the portion of the backyard that is revealed, not the whole thing.

Once out in the garden and in the first outdoor room, you notice another location revealed through a "door" or "window." As you and the visitors are enticed to go to the next location, you have become an active garden participant.

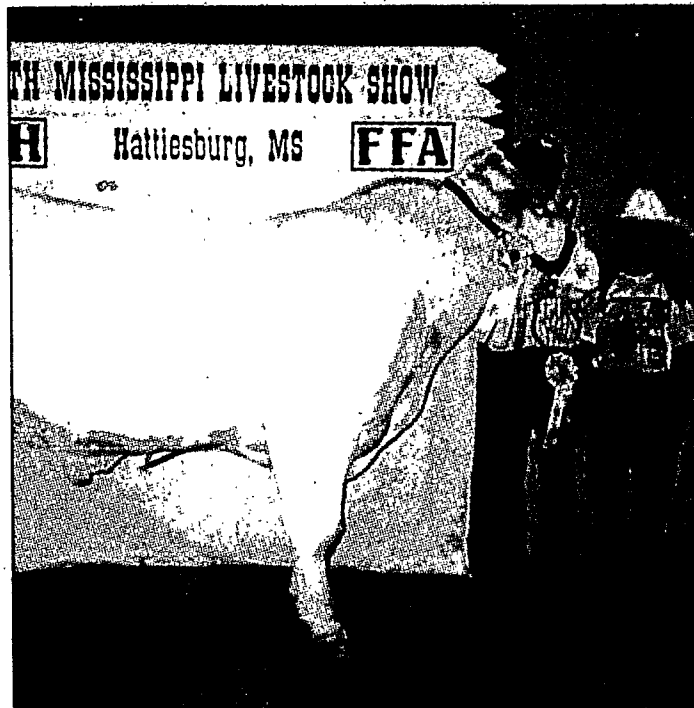
In the new room or location, the room where you started is now concealed. Whether or not the garden ends there is up to you, but hopefully it will continue to another room or two.

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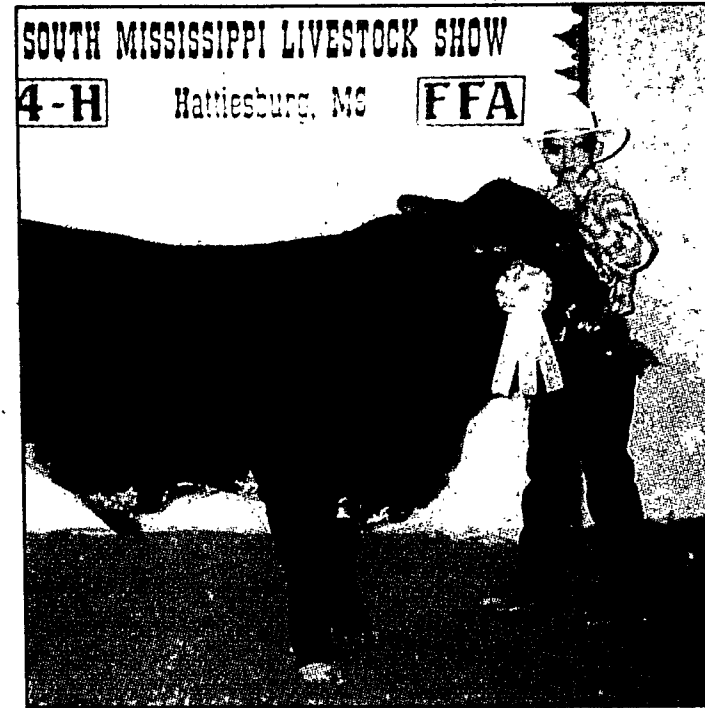
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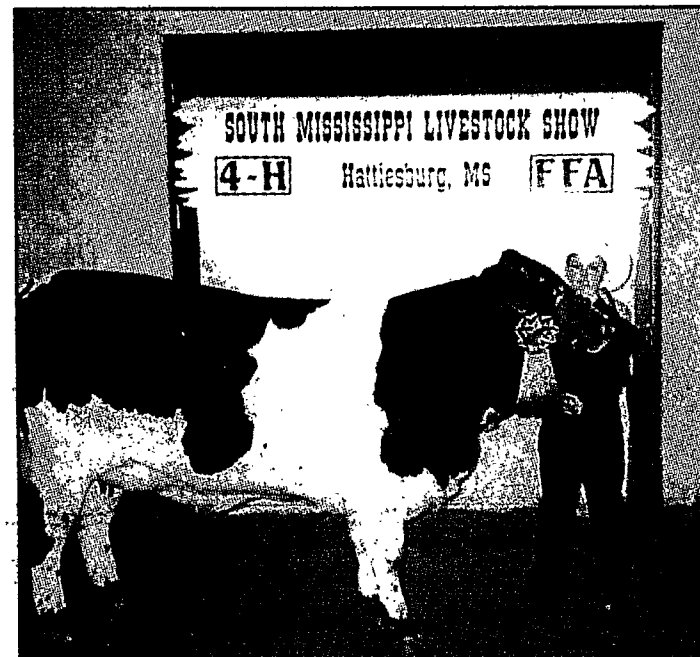
Sarah Johnson with Grand Champion Charolais heifer.



Brittany Splers exhibiting her Reserve Champion Charolais bull.



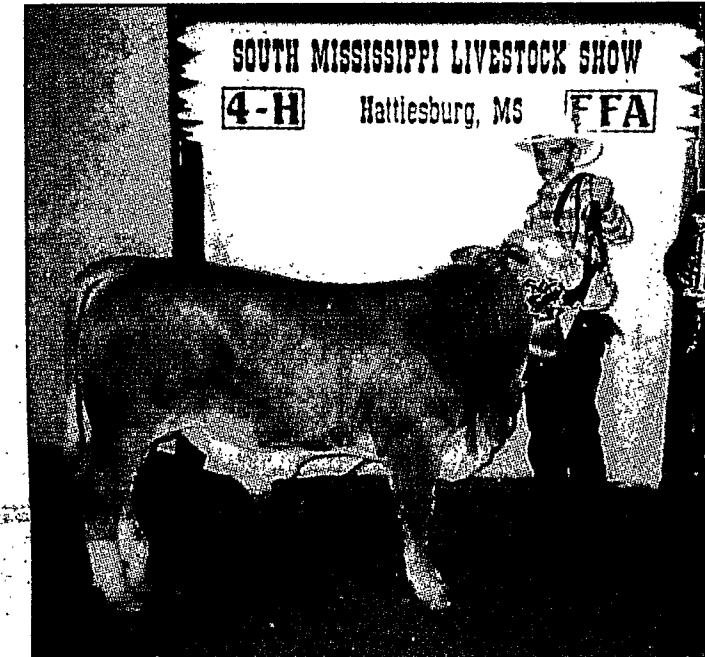
Peyton Lee with his Reserve Champion Beefmaster bull.



Raymond Lee with his Grand Champion Beefmaster heifer.



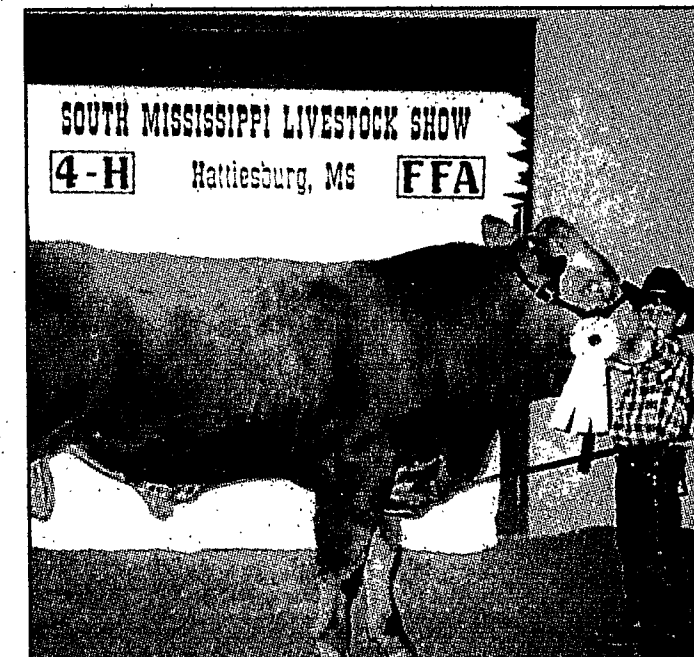
Sarah Johnson with her Grand Champion Charolais bull.



Peyton Lee with his Grand Champion Beefmaster bull.



Brittany Splers exhibiting her Reserve Champion Charolais heifer.



Ethan Hoda showing his Reserve Champion Gelbvieh bull.

Hancock 4-H kids score big in S.E. Dist. Livestock contests

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Hancock County 4-H members recently traveled to the Southeast District Livestock show in Hattiesburg to compete against 4-H'ers from 19 counties.

Members carried 33 head of beef breeding animals while having several grand and reserve championships in various breeds. Hancock County 4-H members also placed third and fifth out of 12 teams in the livestock judging contest.

"Youths who were ages 8-18 before Dec. 31 of last year, we are now taking registration for the Field and



HANCOCK 4-H-PAGE 4B

'Our robins fly North in the summer'

In January a friend invited me to go out with him to look at the marsh and bayous in the back area of the Bay of St. Louis.

Doug was with the Fish and Wildlife Service and knew the area fairly well. His offer was tempting, I hadn't been up there for several years even then my visits had been in summer. A winter visit would make an interesting change. I said yes and, since it was to be Saturday, Stella decided to go with us.

Saturday turned out to be not the best of days to go out in the open Bay. The temperature when we started out at eight o'clock was about 43 degrees

and stayed there, the wind was from the northeast at a little over six knots, just enough to be chilling, and there was no sun, just a dark, winter, all-day looks-like-four-o'clock, overcast.

We changed our mind about going out into Bay and elected to visit one of the bayous off the Jordan River. It would still be cold but we would be out of the wind. A short time after entering one bayou we encountered a small lake that contained about seven skiffs scattered about with two or more persons in each, wrapped up and earnestly fishing.

There was a strong spring tide, about three feet, and it was emptying, leaving the banks on the side of the lake exposed about a foot or more. These

boats were here on a strong ebbing tide, one of the best times to be fishing. We slowed by one large boat with four people on board and asked if they were having any luck.

"Nothing so far," said the man in the bow looking over at our boat. "Where's your gear?"

"We're not fishing, we're just looking."

Everyone in the boat turned to look at us. "In this weather?" asked the man in a startled voice.

We laughed, waved and went on. Evidently, you can fish in 43o weather but you can't just cruise around.

We moved into a smaller bayou and soon we were completely out of the wind, moving slowly up the narrowing chan-

nel. It was still cold, but without the wind and we were fairly comfortable.

The water we moved through was absolutely calm, with almost no movement despite the ebbing tide. Doug said that he wished he had his trolling motor. I wished he had too; the dark-hued beauty of what we were seeing would have been more effective in the quiet. The calm water was either a dark black-brown tea in the shadows or in the clear, reflected back tones of the gray sky. A daddy longlegs could have danced and raced about without no trouble at all. But we didn't see any daddy longlegs.

We were surprised at seeing so very little life or even signs of life. We caught a fleeting



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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glimpse of a wild boar darting back in the grass and that was it. The exposed banks showed no tracks, even when we stopped and looked. Some of the broader turns in the bayou looked like they contained deep pockets and would be ideal for gators, but there were no telltale breaks in the marsh grass growing on the banks. I asked Doug about this.

"There may be some, but I've never seen any gators around here. Right now with this cold weather we've been having lately, if there are any, they are deep in the mud."

We were particularly sur-

prised to see very few birds. We saw a distant blue heron, and then a tricolored heron that, hunched over in the cold, let us motor very close to it, with no movement except a baleful stare. Once a distant flight of ducks. Then there was a fast moving hawk, a couple of jays and, to our delight, a bright red cardinal that ran ahead of us as we moved up the stream.

What rather startled Stella and I was when we came across several bushes filled with robins. Stella expressed her

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What's for Lunch?

March 5-9

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily BREAKFAST

Monday: Glazed Donut, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH
Monday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, BBQ Pork on Bun, Whole Kernel Corn, Baked Beans, Fresh Apple, Tropical Fruit Mix, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Coleslaw, Peas and Carrots, Peach Slices, Orange Smiles, Macaroni and Cheese, Crackers, Chewy Fudge Brownie

Wednesday: Red Beans and

Rice with Sausage, Chicken Sandwich with Trimmings, Seasoned Potato Cuts, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese Fritos, American Sub Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Carrot Sticks with dip, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Jell-O Cake

Friday: Cheese Pizza, Sloppy Joe, Seasoned Lima Beans, Garden Salad with Dressing, Chilled Pear Slices, Applesauce, Yeast Roll

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Monday: Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Tuesday: Flapstick, Juice

Wednesday: Cheese Toast, Juice

Thursday: Chicken Pattie Biscuit, Juice

Friday: Egg Biscuit, Juice

LUNCH
Monday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, Tater Tots, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal Cookies

Tuesday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Sloppy Joe, Chef Salad, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Texas Toast, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Beefy Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich on Bun, French Fries, Cheesy Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Tropical Apples, Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter Bar

Thursday: Chili Cheese Fritos, Shaved Ham and Cheese Pobby, Chef Salad, Spicy Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Raw Veggies, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tuna on Bun, Seasoned Green Beans, Broccoli Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Pudding

Hancock High and Middle Schools

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread,

Dessert, Milk and Condiments

LUNCH
Monday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Pudding

Tuesday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Chicken Pattie Sandwich, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Peanut Butter Bar

Wednesday: Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Southern Greens, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Gelatin

Thursday: Chili Cheese Frito, Foot-long Hot Dog, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Shaved Ham and Cheese Pobby, Tuna on Bun, Spicy Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Raw Veggies, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Rolls, Oatmeal Cookie

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Views -- North for the summer

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amazement at seeing so many together.

"Are these a separate family of robins? Why are they all together like this?"

Doug laughed, "No, they are the same robins you are used to seeing. Only here on the Coast, they are considered a marsh bird and it's quite common to see them in large gatherings like this in winter.

"Actually gathering in flocks like this in trees and shrub are a robin's normal behavior. They just go north in the summer to breed. That's why you only see them as couples up there. Northerners never see robins except as a pair doing the family thing. Here they just get together, have fun and just hang around."

We watched them for a few minutes as they fluttered noisily about the bushes on the shore. They did appear they were busy despite the cold. Then Doug turned the boat around and we moved on.

"You know," he said after a few minutes. "In the old days many people would shoot robins and make them into blackbird pies. They make good eating, I'm told, but it took a lot of robins for each pie."

Stella turned and stared at him. I broke out laughing.

"I never did it," Doug said defensively. "But I did have a friend who was a strong environmentalist. He once admitted to me that he used to get them for his mother's bird pies. He said he used a BB gun."

We moved along quietly for the next few minutes and all I could hear in my head was the refrain of, 'the robins they sing

in the spring, tra la.'

The cold finally got to us and we turned back, and after tying the skiff up, we went to Doug's raised house by a bayou, where his wife, Karen, made us some hot cider. We sat and talked letting the cider and warmth of the house warm us back up.

I was surprised that their house was filled with originals by Walter Anderson's two grandsons. Looking further, I saw a few Stig Marcussen drawings as well. All the pictures depicted the marsh, the bayous and offshore islands. It turned out that Karen was a native of Ocean Springs and knew the Andersons. This channeled our conversation to talking about Ocean Springs and the uniqueness of living here on the Coast.

We were surprised to find out that Doug and Stella were both from the same general area of Pennsylvania. However, they didn't break off from the conversation to discuss the difference between anthracite and bituminous coals. Pennsylvania it seems, although not forgotten, was far away from the place we were that day.

When we drove home I got to thinking about what we had seen. The people fishing, the bayous, the dark hue of winter on the woods and water. I remembered the robins and the refrain that had going through my head, 'the robins they sing in the spring, tra la.' The robins that we had seen had been singing and they had seemed to be happy about where they were. However, they weren't waiting for some spring weather so they could hurry to some

northeastern home; they were home. The tune in my head was wrong, here, where we were that morning, was home.

This is rather a startling thing, if you think about it.

Stella and I have been raised to think in northeastern terms. We have been schooled to consider the robin as being a summer bird, a bird that goes away from us in winter, rather than as a bird that leaves us to mate in summer.

We have other misconceptions, just as invalid. We tend to think that winters, real winters should be full of snow and frozen ponds. We think of it as a time to build snowmen. But that is only in the northern states. In the south, in the deep south where we were, the few times a snowfall produces enough snow to build a snowman, it's something to be remembered, to be talked about for years. People here take pictures to show their children.

Gore Vidal wrote a wonderful story of his youth in West Point, Mississippi, when he flew a homemade kite with an aunt on Christmas day. His description of that long ago Christmas was very much like the Christmases we know about here on the Coast, Christmases far different from Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

Here people go fishing in the bayous and marsh even in the coldest days (the day after that day we went up the bayous, the temperatures were in the low sixties and sunny). Days that are cold by Mississippi standards are pleasant spring-like weather to someone in New

Hampshire who has to punch a hole in the ice to do the same thing.

The view of fall here is also different than that found farther north. Here it is not a riot of colors. The live oaks for example don't even lose their leaves till spring! And certainly the pine trees, the most abundant tree in our area is green in winter. There are a few sugar gums to give a touch of color, but mostly the vistas here in fall and winter are scenes of greens and rich golden browns, hues that in their own way offer a certain beauty that is as satisfying to local senses as the brilliant clash of colors is to someone in the northeast.

There is a problem with all this.

Too often people along the Coast bring their children up with a northeastern view of the world; a world that is completely different from that in which they are living. They grow up seeing their surroundings, but thinking what they see is an anomaly, not what it really should be, i.e., the northeastern world. At Christmas time, they take perfectly good locally grown pine trees and flock them with fake snow!

This is wrong. Our thinking should match our own actual memories, not some northeasterner's memories. We should regard as being real, our own areas, our own times, and our own robins that leave us to go north in the summer.

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Engagements



Patches Fricke and Richard Oliver

Fricke-Oliver wedding planned

Mrs. Roxanne C. Ladner of Pass Christian and Mr. Gary Fricke of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patches Yvonne Fricke, to Richard Wayne Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne U. Oliver of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Hancock High School and attends the University of Southern Mississippi majoring in elementary education. She is employed by the University of Southern Mississippi Early Childhood Center.

Her grandparents include

Viola Conner of Long Beach and the late John A. Conner and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fricke Sr.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Bay High School and is employed with Killen Construction Inc.

His grandparents are Violet Dedaux of Bay St. Louis and the late Roy Dedaux Sr. and Tuleter Oliver of Bay St. Louis and the late Ulyess Oliver.

The marriage will take place March 31, 2001 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church with a reception following at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis.

Births

GEORGIA ELLEN KERGOSIEN

Captain and Mrs. Leonard Kergosien of Columbus, Ga. announce the birth of a daughter, Georgia Ellen, Feb. 15, 2001 in the Special Delivery Services of Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Smith of Batesville, Miss. and Ames Kergosien and Rosalie Kergosien, both of Bay St. Louis.

HANNAH ABIGAIL CHEVIS

Mr. and Mrs. William Sidney Chevis of Brandon, Miss. announce the birth of their second child, Hannah Abigail, Feb. 13, 2001 at 6:20 a.m. at River Oaks Women's Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Chevis is the former Liberty Bell.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Brenda Bell of Pass Christian and Mr. and Mrs. David A. Bell of Long Beach.

Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Chevis of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mrs. Edith Chevis and the late John Chevis Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murtagh, Mrs. Janie Knowles and the late Mr. William Knowles and the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bell.

Hannah is welcomed by her sister, Lauren.

DANIEL SCOTT EBERHART

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Eberhart of Waveland announce the birth of their third child, Daniel Scott, Jan. 25, 2001 at 10:45 a.m. at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans.

He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Eberhart is the former Cindy Suhs.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Norma Suhs of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Dutch and Clarissa Eberhart of Diamondhead.

Daniel is welcomed by brothers Robert and Thomas.



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Fire engines and circus to highlight story hours

"Fire Engines" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Curious George Goes to the Fire Station, *Firetrucks A-Z* and *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* are the books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator will assist the children in making their own firetruck puzzle.

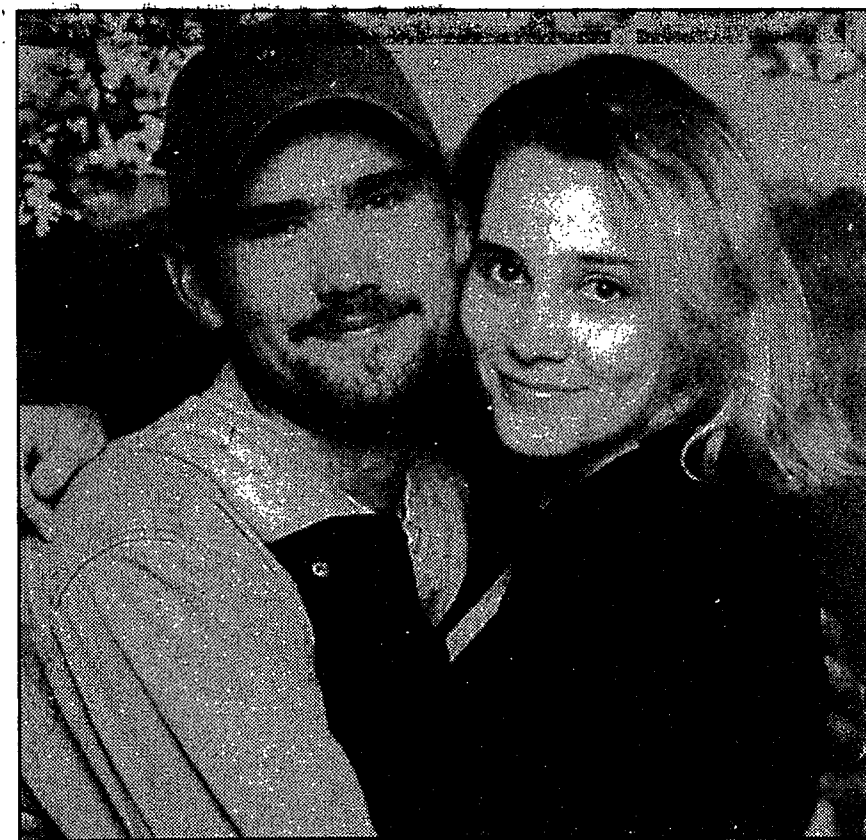
"Razzle Dazzle Circus" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library Thursday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Emeline at the Circus, *Sing a Song of Circus* and *Circus Fun* are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper bag clown.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.



Sadie Welch and Roger Jordan II

Welch-Jordan to wed March 9

Jack and Pat Welch of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sadie I. Welch, to Roger A. Jordan, II, son of Roger and Rose Jordan of Kiln.

The bride-elect is a Bay High School graduate.

The prospective groom is a Hancock High School graduate and is self-employed.

The marriage will take place March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Harrison County Civic Center on Espy Avenue in Long Beach.

Friends and family are invited.

Garden -- Enticing

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These gardens can be gardens of fragrance, encouraging visitors to stoop down to catch some exotic aroma.

Around a corner hidden by evergreen shrubs might be a water garden, a bench, statuary or even a herb garden, all features that invite participants to sit, touch or taste.

The conceal-and-reveal idea not only makes the garden interesting, but it transforms the home like almost nothing else can do.

Take a look in your neighborhood as you drive to work or school, and look at real estate buyer's guides to see the homes for sale. It becomes woefully apparent that landscaping was put on the back burner at many homes.

I had the opportunity to see how long it was taking homes

to sell in my area, and found most were sold after about 180 days. A few sold faster, but many were on the market for a year.

While I know they could have been overpriced or perhaps had purple walls and shag carpet, my instinct tells me that landscaping was not one of their bragging features.

When you look at nice houses that have five shrubs, two trees and nothing else, you get the feeling that the owner never really considered it a home, but only a stopping off place on the road of life.

The owner may have watched a stock portfolio closely to maximize investments, but the home value was somewhat stagnant.

Home values can increase 15 percent with good landscaping,

and 15 percent on a \$200,000 home is a nice return when it comes time to sell.

Spring planting time is just around the corner, and trucks full of trees, shrubs, flowers, and hard features like furniture and fountains will be arriving soon.

Now is a good time to look at your landscape and ask if it conceals and reveals outdoor gardens or rooms. Has it become a garden of participation? Making it into one can be easier than you think.

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St. Stanislaus hosts team trivia tournament

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The fifth semi-annual Team Trivia Tournament at Saint Stanislaus College drew more than 100 contestants on Thursday, February 8, 2001, to the school's resource center. There they competed as five-person teams to win first, second and third places.

The first place team was composed of seniors John Carr, Andrew Nestor, Chris Mensi, Patrick Clark, and teacher Mrs. Renee Hamm. The second place team was composed of student Nathan Sison; his parents Drs. Gus and Mary Sison; student Zack Mellon and friend Mr. Bruce Loprete. The third place team was composed of students Edward Jasper, Brian Begnaud, and Robert Goggins; friend Mrs. Lori Haller; and principal Brother Ronald Hingle.

The Team Trivia Tournament is a group rendition of "Jeopardy," the popular trivia TV program.

Participation in the Tournament was open to all students, parents, teachers, staff members, prefects, alumni, and friends.

Brother Adrian Gaudin, SSC Head of Guidance, was the Quiz Master. He had adapted the



The victorious Blue Meanies took first place honors at the Fifth SSC Team Trivia Tournament. They are, from left to right, senior English teacher Mrs. Renee Hamm, seniors Andrew Nestor, Patrick Clark, Chris Mensi, and John Carr.

team competition concept from the Quiz Night games played in England where he had served for three years as Headmaster of a Brothers of the Sacred Heart school there.

"This is a great way to bring together the school community

for fun, laughs, competition, and education," commented Mrs. Susan Estrade, SSC assistant principal for Supervision and Activities.

Mardi Gras costumes and decorations gave the school resource center a festive atmosphere.

Saint Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum which is primarily college preparatory.

MSCI co-hosts remote sensing forum

The Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative (MSCI) recently co-hosted a research forum focused on remote sensing research activities funded by MSCI at Mississippi universities.

The forum, held on the campus of Mississippi State University (MSU) in Starkville, was co-hosted by the University's Remote Sensing Technologies Center (RSTC) to provide an arena for MSCI-funded researchers and graduate students to present project findings to university colleagues and to increase the awareness of ongoing MSCI activities to faculty, staff, and students.

"MSCI is a partnership among the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the State of Mississippi and The University of Mississippi (on behalf of the research universities of Mississippi), and high technology businesses.

NASA and the State of Mississippi fund MSCI. The mission of MSCI is to develop a remote sensing industry in Mississippi by commercializing technologies developed by NASA at the Stennis Space

Center in Hancock County.

MSCI's research program consists of graduate fellowships, industry-driven university research projects, a statewide software site licensing program with three major remote sensing software providers, and campus support at the four major research universities.

Approximately 50 people attended the session, which featured progress reports by nine MSCI-funded research investigators and graduate students.

These included reports in the areas of agriculture, forestry, environmental monitoring programs, and automated analysis of remote sensing images and simulation for urban ground terrain modeling.

"The recognition of the need for trained personnel in the remote sensing business community is rising rapidly, and the MSCI support for student fellowships and faculty research is a strong signal that NASA and the State of Mississippi are committed to providing quality education and training programs," stated Dr. Jon Arvik, MSU campus coordinator for MSCI and chief technologist for MSU's Remote Sensing

Technologies Center.

The MSU Remote Sensing Technologies Center (RSTC) was established with a focus in the areas of agriculture, forestry, environmental assessment and transportation and is underpinned by comprehensive efforts in computational modeling and undergraduate, graduate, extension and continuing education. The overall goal of the research program of the RSTC is to produce a robust research process that defines the role of the land-grant university in applying remote sensing technologies to solve problems that affect stakeholders.

Through its mission statement and programs of research, teaching, and service, MSU supports human resources development, economic and community advancement, science, and technology infusion at the local, state, national, and international level.

MSCI anticipates co-hosting similar forums on the campuses of Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition, MSCI will be hosting a Graduate Student Symposium in April at Stennis Space Center.

Hancock 4-H

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Stream program which offers archery, shotgun, muzzleloading, air rifle, air pistol, wildlife habitat evaluation, 22 rifle and 22 pistol," said Wade Ladner, 4-H program assistant.

4-H members can participate in up to three disciplines, but must have two hours of safety, and eight hours of training in each discipline in order to compete at the state level.

For more information on how to join the Hancock County 4-H, call Ladner at the Hancock County Extension Service Office at 467-5456.

Lutheran church sets open house

The Lutheran Church of the Pines, 309 Hwy. 90, Waveland, will be hosting an Open House today, Sunday, from noon to 2 p.m. The Open House is part of the church's Rededication Celebration, said Terry Guenard, secretary.

Guenard added, "We especially invite those who have worshiped with us in the past and those who attended our Day Care Center in the past, including Day Care workers and children."

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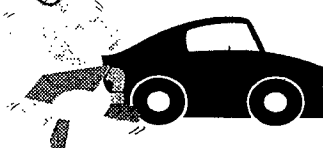
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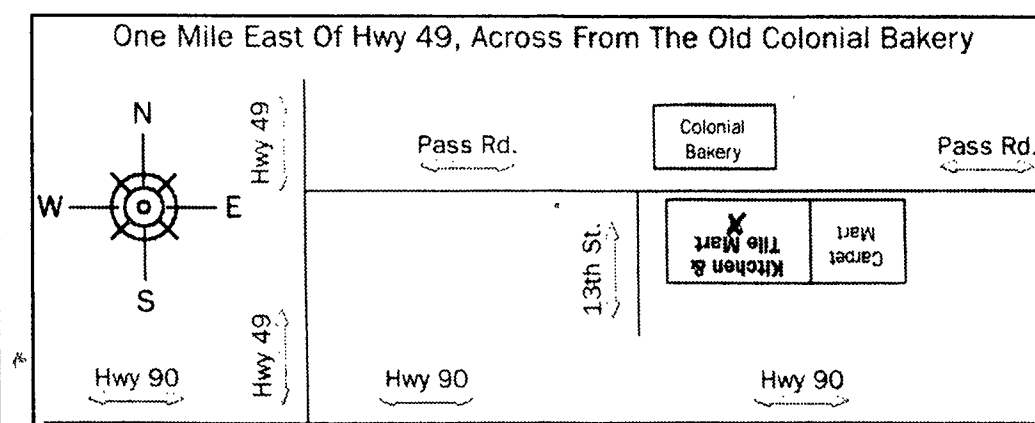
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A group of about 600 Mississippians, preparing for a mission unlike anything they've ever trained for or conducted, will deploy to the Baltic nation of Bosnia and Herzegovina this September for peacekeeping operations as part of Operation Joint Forge.

Task Force 1st Battalion, 155 Infantry, known also as "Task Force Rifles," will be composed primarily of infantry and armor units from across the state.

Usually trained to shoot large weapons with the intent to destroy their target, these Guardsmen are taking a unique approach to their latest calling.

"We'll be enforcing the Dayton Peace Accords to provide a safe and secure environment for the people over there," said Lt. Col. Bill Glasgow, Task Force Commander of Brookhaven, Miss.

The Dayton Peace Accords are the result of a five-year war that tarnished the once prosperous region of the former nation of Yugoslavia.

The war in Bosnia and Herzegovina not only destroyed the physical infrastructure of a country once heralded as the host of the 1980 Winter Olympics, but it also created a gaping wound in the social and economic infrastructure — a wound some predicted would be fatal. The end of this war would also create a NATO (North American Treaty Organization) Peacekeeping Force with the mission of creating an environment that could one day foster temperance and respect, and ultimately peace.

The United States, by virtue of taking a leadership role in bringing the warring parties to the negotiating table in Dayton, Ohio, in November 1995 to sign a peace accord which would end the war, agreed to deploy a division-sized force to the northernmost part of the country for this peacekeeping mission.

In the spring of 2000, the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard was the first National Guard Headquarters to take command of this division, known as Multinational Division-North, and the first National Guard Division

to command a major overseas theater since the Korean War.

A year later, the 48th Separate Armored Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard prepared and deployed a 700-man Task Force to assist in maintaining a safe and secure environment in the rebuilding country.

In the fall of 2001, the 29th Infantry Division of the Virginia, Maryland and Massachusetts Army National Guard will be the second National Guard Headquarters to command Multinational Division-North.

Now, just as in practically every conflict the United States has committed to, the Mississippi Army National Guard is being asked to accept its share of the new global mission taken on by the United States Army.

Guardsmen from units in the cities of McComb, Natchez, Brookhaven, Tylertown, Mendenhall, Poplarville, Bay St. Louis, Booneville and Oxford will complete a rigorous eight-month training schedule before they mobilize at Fort Benning, Georgia, in August and finally depart for Eastern Europe in mid-September. They are expected to return to Mississippi and to reserve status in April 2002.

Efforts are also under way to insure a smooth transition for the family members of the Soldiers of Task Force Rifles.

"What we are in the process of doing is insuring the armories stay open. Also, we are hiring personnel as family support coordinators," said Glasgow. "We are getting a tremendous amount of support from the state, families, and employers."

As Task Force Rifles trains for its upcoming mission, spirits remain high.

"Overall the mood has been real good," said Glasgow. "It's a different type of training than we've been used to but it's real good."

"I think morale is very high right now," said Sgt. 1st Class Joey Labarreare, Unit Readiness NCO for B Company, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor, based in Booneville.

"The guys are picking up on the training real well. Naturally, it takes a lot of training to get the 'combat instinct' out of a tanker



TELLING OUR STORY

Sgt. Danny Labarreare of B Company, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor, a member of Task Force 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry, interacts with fellow Guardsmen playing the role of civilian media as well as Bosnian civilians while on patrol at Camp Barnard, a miniature base camp at Camp Shelby, used to simulate life at an actual base camp in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Task Force is preparing to be mobilized under a Presidential Select Reserve Call-up for up to 270-days service as part of Operation Joint Forge. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. William R. Jones, Mississippi Army National Guard)

and get him ready to preserve and protect, but I feel like with the members that volunteered, we will be a strong, viable force. We will be very proficient in our duties by the time we deploy."

Glasgow added his soldiers are ready and able to perform the mission.

"We're all volunteers, in that

we're all part of a volunteer defense force, knowing mission requirements could dictate active duty periods. We are prepared to accept this mission and complete it safely and successfully," he said.

The Task Force will be mobilized under a Presidential Select Reserve Call-up not to exceed 270 days.

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"To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, includ-

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Ross Hooge - 2nd Place Physics & Engineering

Hayden & Alex also were also awarded the Discovery Channel's Young Scientist Challenge Award

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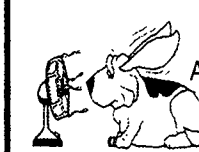
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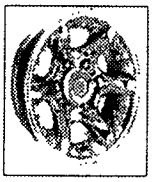
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24 Auctions

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30 Lost and Found

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

OF JOHN D. JOHNSON, SR.

CAUSE NO. 2001-099

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 15th

day of February, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Han-

cock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the

estate of John D. Johnson, Sr., deceased, notice is here-

by given to all persons having claims against said

estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for

Probate and registered according to law within 90 days

from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 15th day of February, A.D. 2001.

JOHN D. JOHNSON, JR. EXECUTOR

Haas and Haas Attorneys

201 N. Second Street

Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

(228) 467-6574

MS Bar No. 5091

218, 225, 3/4/2001

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT

AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Stephen Bell has filed an application with the Department

of Marine Resources requesting permission to

conduct regulated activities under the provision of the

Coastal Wetlands Protection Law, Chapter 27, Missis-

sippi Code of 1972 at 542 Bayview on Back Bay, Biloxi.

The applicant is requesting permission for the construc-

tion of an access pier and boathouse. The access pier

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

VERSUS

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF

ALFRED O. WILLIAMS AND MURIEL

WILLIAMS, DECEASED DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NO. 2001-120

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To Unknown heirs at law of Alfred O. Williams who

was also known as Alfred Williams, and Muriel Wil-

liams, deceased, not to be found within the State of

Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry, and whose

last known places of residence street and post office

addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiff after di-

gent search and inquiry made to ascertain same.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE

SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY ANNIE LOUISE WIL-

LAMS SEEKING COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATION

OF HEIRSHIP.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND

AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETITION FILED

AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK

A.M. ON THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 2001 IN THE

COURTHOUSE OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT THE

HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST.

LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAIL-

URE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL

BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR

OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT

OR PETITION.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR

OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU

DESHIRE.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this

15th day of February 2001

Timothy A. Keller

Chancery Clerk of

Hancock County, Mississippi

By Janet Ladner D.C.

DATED 2/15/01

218, 225, 3/4/2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

HANCOCK COUNTY

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#2001-132

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th

day of February, 2001 by the Chancery Court of Han-

cock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the

estate of LAURICE V. COX, deceased, notice is here-

by given to all persons having claims against said Es-

tate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for

Probate and registered according to law within 90 days

from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 20th day of February, 2001

MARIA D. COX EXECUTRIX

CLEMENT S. BENVENUTI

125 Court Street

P.O. Box 585

Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

(228) 467-0744

MS BAR NO. 2435

225, 34, 3/11/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

KATHLYN HAAS CAMPBELL PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

KATHLYN YOUNGER MARBLE KNOX DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

CAUSE NO. 99-0887

(Service by Publication; Residence Unknown)

TO ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR

CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST

OR TITLE IN AND TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED

IN THE COMPLAINT ALL OF WHOM ARE UNKNOWN

RESIDENTS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND

WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AF-

TER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY AND WHOSE

PRESENT ADDRESS AND RESIDENCE ARE UN-

KNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made Cross Defendants in the lawsuit

filed in this Court by KATHLYN YOUNGER MARBLE

KNOX Defendant.

The Cross Complaint filed against you has initiated a

civil action alleging that Kathlyn Younger Marble Knox

is the owner in fee simple of the property described as

follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1:

Commencing at the corner of Sections 27/28, 33/34,

Township 8 South, Range 14 West, thence East along

the Northern line of the aforesaid Section 34 a distance

of 1558.2 feet to an iron stake set for the place of be-

ginning, thence West along the aforesaid Section line a

distance of 156.2 feet to an iron stake; thence South a

distance of 1320 feet to an iron stake; thence East a

distance of 693 feet to an iron stake; thence North 15

degrees West a distance of 264 feet to an iron stake;

thence East a distance of 330 feet to an iron stake;

thence North 15 degrees West a distance of 607.2 feet

Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Reference: Webre Road Water and Sewer Extension to

serve Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for "Webre

Road Water and Sewer Extension to serve Port Bi-

enville Industrial Park," Hancock County, Mississippi, will

be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor

Commission at 708 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi

39576, until 2:00 P.M. CST, Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

All bids should clearly be marked on the outside of the

envelope "SEALED BID FOR WEBRE ROAD WATER

AND SEWER EXTENSION."

All prospective bidders are cautioned that in order to

be valid, bids over \$50,000.00 must clearly show the

Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility

Number both on the outside of the bid envelope as well

as a part of the bid package itself.

A complete set of Contract Documents may be exam-

ined and obtained at the office of the Design Engineer

Compton Engineering, P.A., 3038 Longfellow Drive, Bay

St. Louis, Mississippi, telephone (228) 467-2770 by

qualified and licensed contractors upon payment of

\$50.00. The payment is non-refundable. Contract Docu-

ments also may be examined at the Hancock County

Port & Harbor Commission office at 708 Highway 90

Waveland, Mississippi 39576, telephone (228) 467-

9231.

The Contractor shall be a qualified general building

contractor. The Contractor shall be a licensed contrac-

tor in the State of Mississippi.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any infor-

mation and/or to reject any or all bids, as well as to

postpone the award of any Contract for a period not to

exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this

22nd day of February 2001

By Harry J. Farve, Secretary

HANCOCK COUNTY

PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION

3/25, 3/4/2001

BID ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County

School Board in the office of the Superintendent, 17304

Highway 603, Kln, MS 39556 until Thursday, March

22, 2001, 3:00 p.m. for the following:

Sale of Surplus School Buses, as is Bid to include the

sale and removal of vehicle within ten days of award of

bid if you wish to view vehicles, please call 255-7141.

Bus #41 - 1985

Specifications may be obtained at the Office of Super-

intendent or by calling Phyllis Johnson at (228)255-

0376. All bids should be sealed and marked plainly on

the outside of the sealed envelope "BID ENCLOSED

FOR SURPLUS BUSES".

The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities and

to reject any and all bids.

Mike Ladner

Superintendent of Education

3/4, 3/11/2001

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Entertainment



Kim Cheek, pianist, and Sandy Higdon (Mrs. Peachum) rehearsing

Bay Little Theater presents The Three Penny Opera

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present The Three Penny Opera, The Last Broadcast, a play adapted by Ray Kutos from the book by Bertolt Brecht with music by Kurt Weill.

The play will be staged Fridays and Saturdays March 9, 10 and 16, 17 at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue.

Admission is adults \$12, children \$9. For information call 467-2587.

In the play, a renegade theatrical troupe takes over a German radio station to broadcast their black comedy about public and private corruption, a work despised and banned by the Nazis.

By participating in this production of the musical, the performers risk their lives. The play's villains are superb: London's most notorious criminal, Mack the Knife; Mack's best friend and protector, Tiger Brown, the high Sheriff; Mr. Peachum, King of the Beggars, who extracts his cut; colorful women like the brassy Mrs. Peachum; her daughter, Polly, who is not as pure as she looks; and Pirate Jenny, a power among the ladies of the night.

Its heroes are the play's performers who frolic through the lines and famous songs of this classic work until they are overcome by the evil force of Nazism.

The crew includes Director Ray Kutos, Producer Edith Back, House Manager Juliana Stoltz; props and costumes, Carol Kerr; Dialogue Coach Nan Ehrbright, light and sound, Ray Kutos; set design and construction, Ray Kutos, Dick Ehrbright, Stennis Harrison and Stephen Kutos.

The cast includes Martin Booda, Mack the Knife; David Chavers, Mr. Peachum, Beggar King; Marby Shon, Polly Peachum; Sandy Higdon, Mrs. Peachum; Gary Taylor, Street Singer; Elaine Glover, Pirate Jenny; Dick Ehrbright, Sheriff Tiger Brown; Lann Owen, Beggar Filch; Stephen Kutos and Doc Toups, Matt of the Mint; Kyle Russell and Bob Sellers, Walt; Marilyn Timms, Lady of the Night; Tango Dancers, Jeannette Stephens and Ruben Alvarez; and musicians, Kim Cheek, pianist; Vickie Heidingspelder, violinist; Gigi Sandburg, keyboardist;

and Bill Gleaton, accordionist.

Coming up:

The Harry and Sam Dialogue

by Karen Ellison

Director: Marty Fitzgerald

Friday, Saturday May 11, 12,

18, 19 at 8 p.m.

Sunday May 13 at 2 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$9, children \$7.

Two lifelong friends enjoy their constant banter especially the off-the-wall questions they burl at each other. Underneath this seemingly innocent fun are the keys to their individual characters, which ultimately clash, driving them apart. But there's a touching sweetness at the play's end.

For information, call Marty at 872-2907.

Advance ticket sales:

Advance ticket sales for all BSLLT season shows will be available from the following local merchants: Flying Cups and Saucers, across from the Depot in Bay St. Louis, Gifts by the Bay, 113-A Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis; Morning Market, 101 Scenic Dr., Pass Christian, and The Purple Snapper, 209 1/2 Main St., Bay St. Louis.

Student productions:

Alice in Wonderland Based on the Lewis Carroll Classic

Director: Jay Coker Friday and Saturday March 23 and 24 at 7 p.m., Sunday March 25 at 2 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$9, children \$7.

Performed by the students of Hancock High School drama coach Jay Coker.

For information, call Jay at 466-6558.

And, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory A play with music by Raoul Dahl

Director: Ray Kutos Admission: Adults \$12, children \$9. Performed by Ray's fifth grade students of Coast Episcopal School. For information, call Ray at 452-7761.

'To-Do' has people thinking pink

"Think pink" is the motto of Bank One Zoo-To-Do May 4 at 8 p.m. at the Audubon Zoo, where patrons will celebrate the new entrance and stylish digs for its flock of pink flamingos.

They will be "drinking pink" too, with the first official Zoo-To-Do drink, a Pink Flamingo-tini, which will be unveiled at local bars, clubs and restaurants in coming months.

Each year, the Bank One Zoo-To-Do attracts nearly 6,000 patrons who don formal and semiformal attire to dance and dine al fresco under a canopy of historic oaks set aglow with thousands of lights and themed decorations.

The most successful annual philanthropic event of its type, it raised more than \$1 million in 2000 from corporate sponsors and individual patrons who came to sample sumptuous local cuisine from more than 100 of the area's finest food and beverage purveyors.

Headlining this year's entertainment lineup is the Grammy-award winning O'Jays, who had a number of classic hits in the 1970s, includ-

ing "Love Train" and "Back Stabbers."

Although food and music are highlights of any New Orleans event, they won't be the only attractions at this gala, now in its 24th year.

John Kallenborn, New Orleans regional president of Bank One, has announced that a brand new 2002 Infiniti QX4 Sport Utility Vehicle, donated by Crescent City Infiniti, will be raffled off that evening. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each for a chance at the \$56,000 vehicle.

A hotline has been established at (504) 861-6167 to handle raffle ticket sales for the car. A second "zoo-pendous" raffle features shopping sprees from Kirschman's and Lakeside Shopping Center, a mountain bike from Playground Earth, a purple sapphire and diamond necklace from Symmetry Jewelers and a savings bond from Bank One.

All proceeds benefit the Audubon Zoo.

Patron and sponsor ticket levels begin at \$550 and increase to \$12,500 for private

corporate tents. Individual tickets are available for \$155 for Audubon Nature Institute members; \$195 for non-members.

For ticket information, call the Bank One Zoo-To-Do hotline at (504) 861-6160, or visit the Web site at www.auduboninstitute.org.

Tickets for the Zoo-To-Do for Kids, the pint-sized version of the gala event scheduled for Friday, April 27, are also available at \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members.

For more information on Zoo-To-Do for Kids, call the hotline, or visit Audubon Nature Institute Web site.

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Tickets on sale now for Eddie Money concert at Bay Magic

Tickets are on sale now for the Eddie Money concert on Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m. in the Casino Magic

Entertainment Complex, Bay St. Louis.

He is known for hits like "Two Tickets To Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Think I'm In Love," "Shakin'" and others.

Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$15 and may be purchased by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

Billy Ray Cyrus concert canceled

The Billy Ray Cyrus concert at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has been canceled.

He will not be appearing Sunday, March 18, as previously scheduled.

Any purchased tickets will be refunded at the original place of purchase.

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